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THE GENERAL CONVENTION.

The Convention meets on the third Tuesday in June, annually, The Assembly's Shorter Catechism is its doctrinal standard. It is constituted as follows:

Each County Conference may send three delegates—one minister and two laymen. Each Association may send two delegates, and if it has eight ordained resident ministers, it may send three, and an additional delegate for every four ordained resident ministers. The permanent officers of Convention, the Preacher, Minister of the Parish, Delegates to and from Foreign Bodies, Chairmen of Committees who have to report, the Officers of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society and Vermont Education Society, Members of Boards appointed by Convention, the persons appointed to prepare essays, and to lead in discussions, are also members *ex-officiis*. The officers of Convention are chosen annually, excepting the Register and Corresponding Secretary, who are elected for five years. The last election was in 1870. The Vermont Domestic Missionary Society and the Vermont Education Society hold their Anniversaries in connection with the meeting of Convention.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

GENERAL CONVENTION

OF

CONGREGATIONAL MINISTERS AND CHURCHES IN VERMONT.

JUNE, 1857.

ARTICLE I. The principal objects of the General Convention of Congregational Ministers and Delegates, shall be to promote brotherly intercourse and harmony; to yield mutual assistance, and excite in each other the spirit of Christian fervor: to learn the state and recommend measures for the welfare of the churches: to obtain information respecting the Christian Church in this country and through the world: and to co-operate with other similar institutions in building up the cause of the Redeemer.

ART. II. The General Convention receives as articles of faith the doctrines of Christianity as they are generally expressed in the Assembly's Shorter Catechism: these doctrines are understood by us to be those which from the beginning have been generally embraced by the Congregational Churches of Vermont and New England.

ART III. Every Association in Vermont, which receives the doctrines above specified as Christian faith, is entitled to send two delegates to the Convention; and each Association having eight ordained resident ministers, may send three of that number as delegates; and for every four additional resident ministers, an additional delegate may be sent. And every Consociation, or Conference, in the State,— provided the same territory shall not be represented by both Consociation and Conference,—receiving the same articles of faith, is entitled to send two laymen and one minister as delegates to the Convention.

ART. IV. The Convention shall annually choose, by ballot, a Moderator, Scribe, and Assistant Scribe. They shall choose in the same manner, once in five years, a Register, to record the Minutes transmitted to him by the Scribe, and to act as Treasurer; and a Corresponding Secretary. The Register, the Corresponding Secretary, the minister at whose house the Convention meets, the minister duly appointed and attending to preach the opening sermon; delegates to foreign bodies, who may have attended to the duty assigned them the preceding year; chairmen of committees present to make report upon matters previously assigned to them; secretaries of benevolent societies whose anniversaries are held in connection with the meetings of the Convention, shall be members of the Convention.

ART. V. The annual meeting of the Convention shall be holden on the third Tuesday of June, at 10 o'clock A. M.

ART. VI. The preceding articles shall not be altered unless by two-thirds of the members at an annual meeting.

BY-LAWS AND PERMANENT REGULATIONS

OF THE

GENERAL CONVENTION OF VERMONT.

I. The Convention shall commence its session Tuesday, at 10 o'clock, A. M., with a sermon ; and the organization shall follow immediately the religious exercises. Tuesday A. M., the Report on the State of Religion, by the Corresponding Secretary ; the evening shall be given to addresses, under direction of Convention. Wednesday, at 10 o'clock, A. M., anniversary of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society, with a contribution ; 2 o'clock, P. M., Sacrament of the Lord's Supper ; Wednesday evening, anniversary of the Vermont Education Society. Thursday, A. M., reports from foreign bodies, unless circumstances require these to be presented earlier, — which reports are expected to be in writing ; Thursday, P. M., anniversary of the Sabbath School Society.

II. The Associations shall be entered on the Records and Roll in alphabetical order, and shall be so called in transacting business.

III. There shall be appointed, as early as practicable, at every annual meeting, Committees as follows : — of overtures ; to nominate delegates to foreign bodies ; on place and preacher for next meeting ; to distribute documents ; to direct the devotional exercises ; of abatements, who shall decide all questions respecting abatements on the assessments of the respective Associations, the chairman of which shall be auditor.

IV. It shall be the duty of the Scribe to furnish the Register with a fair copy of the Minutes of each meeting for record.

V. The printed Minutes of this Convention shall be sufficient testimonials of the appointment of delegates to foreign bodies.

VI. Should no place be appointed for the meeting of the Convention, or should the minister at whose house they are to meet be removed, the Register is authorized to appoint the place, and by circular letters to call the Convention together, according to his discretion.

VII. It shall be the duty of the Register to make a docket of the ordinary business of the Convention, and lay it before them at the opening of every annual meeting.

VIII. A standing committee of one in each Association shall be appointed every fifth year, to make to the Corresponding Secretary the annual statistical reports, and a report on the state of religion, for their respective Associations ; and in case of the absence of any one of said committee, the duty shall devolve on the Register of the Association for the time being. It is the duty of each of said committee to make a report for the year ending the first of May, agreeably to a blank schedule furnished him by the Corresponding Secretary. These reports, having been approved, when practicable, by the Association, shall be forwarded to the Corres-

ponding Secretary at least two weeks previous to the meeting of the Convention.

IX. It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary, at the proper time, to furnish the several members of the statistical committee with a copy of the schedule prepared for this purpose under the direction of the Convention; to receive the reports from the committee, arrange the statistical part for publication, and from the facts reported to present to the Convention, during its session, a condensed account of the state and progress of religion in the churches during the year.

X. It shall be the duty of each pastor, stated-supply, or clerk — when there is no minister — to make report of his church to the standing committee of his Association, by the first of May of each year.

XI. Delegates from this Convention to foreign bodies are required to report, if they attend agreeably to appointment. If the delegation fail, it is expected a reason will be rendered to the Convention.

XII. A Committee of Credentials, consisting of one or more from each Association, shall be annually appointed to certify the regular standing of ministers going abroad or coming to Vermont to preach.

XIII. The Minutes of the Convention shall be annually published, as soon as possible after the close of the session. And the publishers are instructed to forward by mail, at the expense of the Convention, as soon as published, a copy to each member of the respective Associations in the State, and to the clerks of destitute churches; also a copy to the corresponding secretaries of such benevolent societies as are commended by the Convention to the confidence of the churches, and to the moderator and scribe of all corresponding bodies; and they are instructed to furnish each of the delegates to foreign bodies with packages for these bodies, at their order, — which packages the delegates are expected to forward with their communications, should they not go themselves.

XIV. To distribute the foreign delegates proportionally to numbers among the several Associations, each shall nominate one or more members of its own body, from year to year, to some foreign body or bodies, in rotation, according to the annexed schedule. This nomination shall be subject to the approval of the Convention. The Convention will choose delegates at large to bodies not named in the schedule, also to fill vacancies when Associations fail to nominate.

NOTE.—The General Convention have formed a connection with the following ecclesiastical bodies: the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States (New School); General Association of Connecticut; General Association of Massachusetts; General Association of New Hampshire; General Conference of Maine; Evangelical Consociation of Rhode Island; Congregational Union of England and Wales; Congregational Association of New York; Congregational Union of Canada; General Association of Michigan; General Association of Iowa; Presbyterian and Congregational Convention of Wisconsin; General Association of Illinois; Congregational Association of California; Congregational and Presbyterian Association of Oregon; General Conference of Ohio; and the General Association of Kansas. The Convention sends annually one or two delegates to each of these bodies, and receives the same from them. The delegates have the same right as members to sit, deliberate and vote, except that delegates to and from the General Assembly do not vote.

SCHEDULE FOR FIVE YEARS.

ASSOCIATIONS.	1871.	1872.	1873.	1874.	1875.
ADDISON	Massachusetts.	Iowa. Kansas.	Connecticut.	Wisconsin. Oregon.	Rhode Island.
BENNINGTON	Iowa. Kansas.	Connecticut.	Wisconsin. Oregon.	Rhode Island.	Pres. Gen. Assembly.
CALEDONIA	Connecticut.	Wisconsin. Oregon.	Rhode Island.	Pres. Gen. Assembly.	New York.
LAMOILLE	Wisconsin. Oregon.	Rhode Island.	Pres. Gen. Assembly.	New York.	Canada.
LANCASTER	Rhode Island.	Pres. Gen. Assembly.	New York.	Canada.	California. F.B. Y'y M.
MONTPELIER	Pres. Gen. Assembly.	New York.	Canada.	California. F.B. Y'y M.	Maine. Vt. B. Con.
NORTHWESTERN	New York.	Canada.	California. F.B. Y'y M.	Maine. Vt. B. Con.	Ohio.
ORANGE	Canada.	California. F.B. Y'y M.	Vt. B. Con. Maine.	Ohio.	New Hampshire.
ORLEANS	California. F.B. Y'y M.	Vt. B. Con. Maine.	Ohio.	New Hampshire.	Indiana. Illinois.
ROYALTON	Vt. B. Con. Maine.	Ohio.	New Hampshire.	Indiana. Illinois.	Vt. M. E. C. Missouri.
RUTLAND	Ohio.	New Hampshire.	Indiana. Illinois.	Vt. M. E. C. Missouri.	Michigan.
WHITE RIVER	New Hampshire.	Indiana. Illinois.	Vt. M. E. C. Missouri.	Michigan.	Massachusetts.
WINDHAM	Indiana. Illinois.	Missouri. Vt. M. E. C.	Michigan.	Massachusetts.	Iowa. Kansas.
WINDSOR	Vt. M. E. C. Missouri.	Michigan.	Massachusetts.	Iowa. Kansas.	Connecticut.
WINOOSKI	Michigan.	Massachusetts.	Iowa. Kansas.	Connecticut.	Wisconsin. Oregon.

NOTES.—1. The figures at the head of the columns indicate the year in which the appointments are to be made.

2. It is expected that delegates to Bodies whose meetings occur later than July in the year of their appointment, will attend that year; all others the year following.

3. To extend this Table indefinitely, notice that each year the State at the head of the list the previous year is placed at the foot of the list, and each State placed one line nearer the top.

This schedule shall be annually published, in connection with the Minutes of the Convention.

XV. Those who have charge of printing the Minutes are to insert, as far as they may have the requisite information, the time and place of meeting of foreign bodies with which we are in correspondence.

RECOMMENDATIONS

OF THE

GENERAL CONVENTION.

1. It is recommended to all ministers and people who propose to become connected in a pastoral relation, to take time and care sufficient to form such an acquaintance with each other, as to excite a reasonable expectation that the connexion, if formed, will be permanent; and never to form the connexion for a limited time.

2. It is recommended to the several Congregational churches in this State, that they employ no stranger to preach among them, who is not recommended by some person of our Communion authorized to give recommendations by the general body from within whose bounds he has come, or by some member of the Committee of Credentials appointed by this Convention.

3. It is recommended to the members of the several Associations in this State to extend occasional assistance to destitute towns in their vicinity, by preaching lectures, and by performing such other missionary labors as they may deem consistent with the duties they owe their respective parishes.

4. The churches in our connexion are requested, at the Monthly Concert in June, to implore the special blessing of God upon the Annual Meeting of the Convention, and of the respective societies with which it is immediately connected.

5. It is recommended to the churches in our communion to observe the Annual Concert of Prayer, on or near the 25th of December, for the universal prevalence of Peace, and contribute in aid of the cause; and also to observe the last Thursday of February annually as a day of Fasting and Prayer for the blessing of God upon our colleges and seminaries of learning.

6. It is recommended to the several Associations not to receive any member from another Association, unless he brings a letter of dismission and recommendation from the Association to which he had belonged.

7. As the Temperance reformation is of vital importance to the interests of true religion, it is recommended to all the friends of God and the human race to sustain and carry on this blessed work, and not to remit their efforts till the way of the coming of the Son of Man is every where fully prepared.

8. It is earnestly recommended to the ministers of our churches, that they endeavor to direct attention, in their several towns, to the subject of Common Schools.

9. It is recommended to Councils and other ecclesiastical bodies in connexion with this Convention, not to ordain persons without charge, or as evangelists, especially if they are to labor in distant parts of the country, unless it should be required by peculiar circumstances, and appear to be an obvious call of Providence.

10. The Convention earnestly recommend to the churches connected with it, the adoption of a system of benevolent operations, in which every member of every church shall be invited and expected to participate, by the contribution of a greater or less sum regularly to every benevolent object which is sanctioned by the Convention and approved by the churches. And it is recommended that, as far as practicable, contributions for the prominent objects of benevolence be made, in the several counties, at the times indicated in the annexed schedule.

COUNTIES.	January and February.	March and April.	May and June.	July and August.	September and October.	November and December.
Windham	Bible.	For. Miss.	H. Miss.	Education.	T. & C. Un.	Miss. Asso.
Windsor	Bible.	For. Miss.	H. Miss.	Education.	T. & C. Un.	Miss. Asso.
Orange	Miss. Asso.	Bible.	For. Miss.	H. Miss.	Education.	T. & C. Un.
Washington	Miss. Asso.	Bible.	For. Miss.	H. Miss.	Education	T. & C. Un.
Bennington	T. & C. Un.	Miss. Asso.	Bible.	For. Miss.	H. Miss.	Education.
Rutland	T. & C. Un.	Miss. Asso.	Bible.	For. Miss.	H. Miss.	Education.
Addison	Education.	T. & C. Un.	Miss. Asso.	Bible.	For. Miss.	H. Miss.
Chittenden	Education.	T. & C. Un.	Miss. Asso.	Bible.	For. Miss.	H. Miss.
Grand Isle	H. Miss.	Education.	T. & C. Un.	Miss. Asso.	Bible.	For. Miss.
Franklin	H. Miss.	Education.	T. & C. Un.	Miss. Asso.	Bible.	For. Miss.
Lamoille	H. Miss.	Education.	T. & C. Un.	Miss. Asso.	Bible.	For. Miss.
Orleans	For. Miss.	H. Miss.	Education.	T. & C. Un.	Miss. Asso.	Bible.
Caledonia	For. Miss.	H. Miss.	Education.	T. & C. Un.	Miss. Asso.	Bible.
Essex	For. Miss.	H. Miss.	Education.	T. & C. Un.	Miss. Asso.	Bible.

RULES,

TO BE OBSERVED BY THE GENERAL CONVENTION, IN TRANSACTING BUSINESS.

1. The members of the Convention are required, as soon as they arrive at the place of the annual meeting, to deposit their certificate of membership in the hands of the Minister of the parish; and it shall be his duty, in conjunction with the Register, to prepare a ROLL of the Convention, on which shall be placed, in usual order, the names of all persons who present a regular certificate of their having been duly elected. But no person shall be enrolled who has not the regular certificate, unless by vote of the Convention after being duly organized.

2. The meeting of the Convention shall be opened with a sermon. At the close of the public exercises, the Register, or in his absence the Minister of the parish, shall call to order, read the *Roll*, and lead the Convention to the choice of a Moderator, Scribe and Assistant Scribe.

3. The Moderator shall then take the chair, address the throne of grace, and cause the rules to be observed in transacting business, and the docket of the Register to be read. It shall be his duty to lead in prayer, or request some other person to perform the duty, at the beginning or close of each day's session; to cause the roll to be called every morning; to preserve order and decorum in the meeting, and, in conjunction with the Register, to nominate all committees. When the Moderator speaks to the merits of any question, he shall leave the chair and address the Scribe.

4. No member shall withdraw from the daily sessions of the body, without leave first obtained of the Moderator, nor from town without leave from the Convention; and in case any member shall be tardy at a daily exercise, without a reasonable excuse, he shall be subject to the admonition of the Moderator.

5. Every member, when he wishes to speak, shall rise and address the Moderator.

6. No member shall speak more than twice to the merits of any question in debate, except by special permission of the Convention, nor more than once, until every other member choosing to speak shall have spoken, and then the mover of the matter pending shall be permitted to speak in reply.

7. Every motion, except for adjournment, shall be reduced to writing, if the Moderator or any two members desire it. No motion shall be acted on until seconded.

8. When any member, in debating or otherwise, shall transgress the rules of the Convention, the Moderator shall, by his own

authority, or at the request of any member, call him to order; and if a question shall arise concerning his being in order, it shall be decided without debate by an appeal to the body.

9. When two or more persons rise to speak at once, the Moderator shall name the one who is first to speak.

10. When the Moderator or any other person is speaking, the members shall keep their places and give attention.

11. No motion committed to writing shall be finally decided upon until it shall have had three several readings, if any member requires it.

12. In case of an equal division of votes, the Moderator shall have a casting vote.

13. These rules for the transaction of business shall be in force during the pleasure of the Convention ; and shall not be subject to any alteration, unless by the consent of two thirds of the members present at an annual meeting.

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES.

OFFICERS OF THE GENERAL CONVENTION.

REV. ALDACE WALKER, D. D., Moderator, Wallingford.
REV. JOSEPH CHANDLER, Register, West Brattleboro.
REV. JOSEPH TORREY, Corresponding Secretary, East Hardwick.
REV. JOHN C. HOUGHTON, Scribe, Island Pond.
REV. W. S. HAZEN, Secretary of Sabbath Schools, Northfield.

OFFICERS OF THE VERMONT DOMESTIC MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

JAMES W. HICKOK, ESQ. President, Burlington.
REV. CHARLES S. SMITH, Corresponding Secretary, Montpelier.
REV. LEONARD TENNEY, Recording Secretary, Barre.
C. W. STORRS, ESQ., Treasurer, Montpelier.

OFFICERS OF THE VERMONT EDUCATION SOCIETY.

REV. H. D. KITCHEL, D. D., President, Middlebury.
REV. A. B. DASCOMB, Secretary, Woodstock.
DEA. C. F. THOMPSON, Treasurer, Brattleboro.

BOARDS.

Fairbanks Board of Education.—Rev. E. T. Fairbanks, Rev. Aldace Walker, D. D., Rev. Henry Fairbanks, J. C. Emery, Esq., and Rev. Joseph Torrey.

Fairbanks Board for the Relief of Ministers—Rev. H. F. Leavitt, Hon. John B. Page, Thaddeus Fairbanks, Esq., J. G. Stimson, Esq., Dea. Amasa Woolson.

REPORTERS AND RECEIVERS.

Addison Conference—Rev. H. F. Leavitt; *Rutland and Bennington Conference*—Rev. P. S. Pratt; *Chittenden Conference*—Rev. S. L. Bates; *Caledonia Conference*—Rev. L. S. Watts; *Lamoille Conference*—Rev. John G. Bailey; *Lancaster Conference*—Rev. Joshua Eaton; *Washington Conference*—Rev. W. S. Hazen; *Franklin and Grand Isle Conference*—Rev. H. C. Riggs; *Orange Conference*—Rev. John K. Williams; *Orleans Conference*—Rev. A. W. Wild; *Windsor Conference*—Rev. William Sewall; *Windham Conference*—Rev. F. J. Fairbanks.

DELEGATES.

Delegates to the National Council of Congregational Churches—Primaries: Rev. H. D. Kitchel, D. D., Rev. C. E. Ferrin, Hon. Julius Converse. Substitutes: Rev. S. W. Magill, Rev. A. Stevens, Hon. C. W. Willard.

NEXT ANNUAL MEETING.

Place of next Annual Meeting—Brattleboro, June 17, 1872.

Preacher—Rev. L. H. Cobb; Substitute, Rev. G. B. Safford.

Essay—Subject: "What is the proper ratio of Ethical to Doctrinal preaching?" Writer, Rev. C. W. Thompson; Substitute, Rev. N. G. Webber.

Oral Discussion—Question: "Influence of Christian mothers, through their children, upon the cause of Christ." Speakers: Primaries, Rev. A. W. Wild, Rev. M. L. Severance; Substitutes, Rev. B. F. Perkins, Rev. W. N. Bacon.

Committee to report on "The best method by which the churches may promote Classical Education"—Rev. Messrs. J. E. Goodrich, L. A. Austin and H. T. Fuller.

MINUTES.

THE GENERAL CONVENTION OF CONGREGATIONAL MINISTERS AND CHURCHES OF VERMONT met with the Congregational Church of Springfield, June 20, 1871.

The opening sermon was preached by Rev. ALDACE WALKER, D. D., from Zech. 13 : 7, 8, 9.

The following delegates presented their credentials, and were enrolled as members of the Convention, viz :

Addison Association—Rev. Messrs. M. L. SEVERANCE, WILLIAM N. BACON.

Bennington Association—Rev. ISAAC JENNINGS.

Caledonia Association—Rev. Messrs. PERRIN B. FISK, S. G. NORCROSS, C. W. THOMPSON, L. O. BRASTOW, L. S. WATTS.

Lamoille Association—Rev. B. F. PERKINS.

Lancaster Association———— ————.

Montpelier Association—Rev. Messrs. C. M. WINCH, JAMES H. BABBITT.

North Western Association—Rev. A. B. SWIFT.

Orange Association—Rev. R. DEXTER MILLER.

Orleans Association—Rev. Messrs. A. W. WILD, JOHN C. HOUGHTON, AZRO A. SMITH.

Royalton Association—Rev. Messrs. E. E. HERRICK, S. W. DIKE, W. A. BUSHEE.

Rutland Association—Rev. Messrs. CALVIN GRANGER, R. T. HALL, SIDNEY CRAWFORD, JAMES G. JOHNSON.

Windham Association—Rev. Messrs. L. G. CHASE, FRANKLIN W. OLMSTED, N. MIGHILL, J. G. WILSON.

Windsor Association—Rev. Messrs. J. B. BALDWIN, J. G. HALE, PHILANDER BATES.

Winooski Association—Rev. Messrs. S. L. BATES, C. E. FERRIN, A. HAZEN.

White River Association—Rev. BEZALEEL SMITH.

Addison Conference—Rev. S. W. MAGILL, Bro. SAMUEL BASCOM.

Caledonia Conference—Rev. S. M. DUDLEY, Bros. M. O. HARRINGTON, JOHN BACON.

Chittenden Conference—Rev. JOHN H. WOODWARD, Dea. JOSEPH MARSH.

Essex and Coos Conference———— ————.

Franklin and Grand Isle Conference—Rev. D. B. BRADFORD, Dea. L. L. DUTCHER, Bro. F. R. PERKINS.

Lamoille Conference—Dea. R. A. SAVAGE.

Orange Conference—Rev. WILLIAM S. PALMER.

Orleans Conference—Rev. A. C. CHILDS, Dea. CHARLES CUMMINGS, Dea. WILLIAM SPENCER.

Rutland and Bennington Conference—Rev. JOHN P. DEMERITT, Dea. GIDEON TABOR, Dea. J. K. VAIL.

Washington Conference—Rev. EDWIN SEABURY, Bros. DANIEL CHANDLER, S. H. O. BOSWORTH.

Windsor Conference—Rev. T. S. HUBBARD, Bros. JULIUS CONVERSE, PHILBRICK CRAM.

Windham Conference—Rev. F. J. FAIRBANKS, Dea. C. F. THOMPSON.

MEMBERS EX-OFFICIIS.

Minister of the Parish—Rev. L. H. COBB.

Preacher—Rev. ALDACE WALKER, D. D.

Register—Rev. JOSEPH CHANDLER.

Corresponding Secretary—Rev. JOSEPH TORREY.

Appointed to lead in Discussion—Rev. Messrs. J. K. WILLIAMS, C. HAMLIN.

Secretary of the Vermont Domestic Misionary Society—Rev. C. S. SMITH.

Fairbanks Board for relief of Ministers—Rev. H. F. LEAVITT, Bro. J. G. STIMSON, Dea. AMASA WOOLSON.

Fairbanks Education Board—Rev. HENRY FAIRBANKS.

Vermont Education Society—Rev. A. B. DASCOMB, Secretary; Rev. A. STEVENS, President *pro tem.*

DELEGATES TO FOREIGN BODIES.

Presbyterian General Assembly—Rev. GEORGE F. WRIGHT.

New Hampshire General Association—Rev. LEWIS GROUT.

California General Association—Rev. D. B. BRADFORD.

DELEGATES FROM FOREIGN BODIES.

General Conference of Maine—Rev. C. C. PARKER, D. D.

New Hampshire General Association—Rev. L. BRIGHAM.

Vermont Free Will Baptist Yearly Meeting—Rev. S. S. NICKERSON.

The Convention was organized by the choice of

REV. ALDACE WALKER, D. D., of Wallingford, *Moderator.*

REV. JOHN C. HOUGHTON, of Island Pond, *Scribe.*

REV. P. B. FISK, of Lyndonville, *Assistant Scribe.*

Prayer was offered by the Moderator.

The Register read the Rules of the Convention.

It was voted that the hours of meeting be 8.30 A. M., 2.30 and 7.30 P. M., and the hours of adjournment 12 M. and 5 P. M.

Adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Convention was called to order by the Moderator.

Prayer was offered by Rev. B. Smith, of West Hartford.

Bro. C. E. Richardson was appointed Auditor of the Fairbanks Boards.

The Moderator announced the following Committees, and they were duly elected:

Committee of Overtures—Rev. Messrs. C. E. Ferrin, J. G. Hale, Dea. L. L. Dutcher.

Committee to nominate Delegates to Foreign Bodies—Rev. Messrs. M. L. Severance, A. C. Childs, Dea. C. F. Thompson.

Committee of Arrangements—Rev. Messrs. Isaac Jennings, A. B. Dascomb, N. Mighill, F. W. Olmsted, Bro. Julius Converse.

Committee on Devotional Exercises—Rev. Messrs. L. H. Cobb, L. O. Brastow, J. H. Babbitt.

Committee on Abatements—Bro. J. G. Stimson, Rev. Messrs. N. Mighill, J. H. Woodward.

Committee on Assessments—Rev. Messrs. T. S. Hubbard, H. Fairbanks, Bro. John Bacon.

The Convention then listened to reports of Delegates to Foreign Bodies:

To New Hampshire General Association—Rev. Lewis Grout.

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church—Rev. G. F. Wright.

To the General Association of California—Rev. D. B. Bradford.

To the Vermont Baptist Conference—Rev. Aldace Walker, D. D.

The subject of the proposed National Council was then called up, and the committee to whom the matter was referred at the last Convention reported. The report was accepted, and after some discussion the subject was laid upon the table, to afford time to listen to the delegates from Foreign Bodies.

From the Free Will Baptist Yearly Meeting—Rev. S. S. Nickerson—

From the General Conference of Maine—Rev. C. C. Parker, D.D.—

From the General Association of New Hampshire—Rev. L. Brigham—

From the Vermont M. E. Conference—Rev. H. W. Worthen—presented the salutations of their respective bodies, to which the Moderator made an appropriate reply.

After singing "Soldiers of Christ, arise!" the Report of the Churches was read by the Corresponding Secretary, Rev. J. Torrey, of East Hardwick, and the report was accepted and ordered to be printed.

The subject of the National Congregational Council was again called up and referred to a special committee, consisting of Rev. Messrs. W. S. Palmer, C. E. Ferrin, and Bro. Samuel Bascom.

Adjourned.

EVENING SESSION.

The Moderator called the Convention to order, and after singing, and prayer by Rev. M. H. Wells, there was a discussion of the question, "Is not some change of the two-sermon system of Sabbath services desirable?" It was opened by Rev. John K. Williams and Rev. C. Hamlin, and participated in by several others.

Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

The Moderator called the Convention to order.

Prayer by Rev. A. Stevens.

The Scribe called the roll, and the Minutes of yesterday were read, corrected and approved.

Rev. A. Stevens was appointed to lead in discussion, in place of Rev. G. B. Safford, absent.

Rev. Henry Fairbanks, in behalf of the Fairbanks Education Board, made report, which was accepted.

REPORT OF THE FAIRBANKS EDUCATION BOARD.

The Fairbanks Education Board respectfully present their report for the year ending May 31, 1871.

During the year ten students have been aided. Of these, seven, after entering college, and coming within reach of other assistance, were dropped from our list at the middle of the year, to make

room for new applicants, expected from the academies. The appropriations for the year appear in the following

SCHEDULE:

Names.	Age.	Where Studying.	Amount.
E. A. Baldwin..	25	Montpelier Acad. and Amh. College	$60 00
T. B. Rice.....	22	Barre Acad. and Dartmouth College	60 00
C. A. Smith.. ..	21	Barre Acad. and Vt. University ...	25 00
C. F. Graves....	22	Underhill Acad. and Vt. University.	60 00
J. R. Chalmers..	..	K.U.Acad. Merid.,N.H. & Dart.Coll.	60 00
J. B. Richardson	20	Barre Acad. and Dartmouth College	60 00
J. H. Hawley....	22	K.U.Acad. Merid., N.H. & Am. Coll.	30 00
Josiah Kidder...	21	Montpelier Grammar School.....	75 00
D. E. Curtis.....	22	K. U. Academy, Meriden, N. H....	120 00
W. E. Bates....	23	P. E. Academy, Exeter, N. H....	55 00
			$605 00

Of the Treasurer's account the following is a summary for the year:

RECEIPTS.

From the former Treasurer, Rev. W. W. Thayer, being the balance in treasury as reported last year.....	$133 65
Interest on investments	602 16
	$735 81

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid orders of beneficiaries, as per schedule....	$605 00	
Paid postage and printing.....	7 10	
Balance carried to new account.....	123 71	
		$735 81

There has been for several years no change in the investments of the permanent fund committed to us, which are as follows:

Loan to the corporation of the University of Vermont, and secured by mortgage.....	$5,700 00
Vermont State Bonds.....	4,000 00
United States 5-20 gold Bonds	300 00
	$10,000 00

EDWARD T. FAIRBANKS, *Chairman.*

HENRY FAIRBANKS, *Treasurer.*

Audited by B. P. RICHARDSON, Esq.

Rev. H. F. Leavitt, in behalf of the Fairbanks Board for the relief of needy and destitute clergymen, and Bro. J. G. Stimson, the Treasurer, reported, and their reports were accepted.

The Fairbanks Board for the relief of disabled and needy clergymen respectfully submit the following annual report to the Gen-

eral Convention of Congregational Ministers and Churches of Vermont:

The record of the past year tells the same sad story of the departure of loved ones, and admonishes us that the time is short, and what we do must be done quickly. The Rev. CHARLES WALKER, D. D., so long well known, and intimately associated with us in this Board, and in every good word and work, has finished his course, and kept the faith, and gone to the inheritance of the just. But he will long be remembered with gratitude and affection, as calm and dignified in his person, a noble preacher and an earnest and successful worker in the vineyard of his Lord and Master, Jesus.

The report of our Treasurer shows our receipts, including the balance on hand the last year, to have been.....$968 61
And our appropriations.....427 50

Leaving a balance in his hands of.....$541 11

His report also shows how the fund is kept and how secured, the names of the persons aided, and the amount each has received.

The Widows and Orphans' Fund has not been increased as much as your committee fondly hoped it might be; and chiefly, we believe, through the omission of the pastors to bring the subject distinctly before their churches, in accordance with the recommendation of the Convention; and this omission your committee think may have been owing to two reasons—1, forgetfulness of the object, and 2, to the great variety of benevolent objects that claim sympathy and aid from our churches.

To obviate in part this difficulty in future, your committee would recommend to the several Conferences to consider the subject approvingly, and secondly, to the Secretary of the Convention, in his correspondence with the several reporters, to request them, in sending out their blanks for statistics to pastors and churches, to urge them to take up a collection for the object the last Sabbath in April or the first Sabbath in May. The experiment has already been made in one Conference, at least, and with happy results.

Nor need we be afraid that these streams will more than supply the wants of Christ's suffering poor. No, no. The Church has never yet seen a flood-tide of Christian benevolence, and should such a time ever come, a word would check this flow or divert it from one channel to another, till the whole vineyard of the Lord should be abundantly irrigated and beautified, and a halo of glory rest upon the Church universal, and Christ's suffering poor no longer be neglected or uncared for.

H. F. LEAVITT, *Chairman.*

TREASURER'S REPORT OF FAIRBANKS FUND FOR THE RELIEF OF NEEDY AND DESTITUTE CLERGYMEN.

Fairbanks Fund in account with J. G. Stimson, Treasurer.

1870.		CREDIT.	
June	23.	By balance in Treasury, as per Auditor's Report	$284 04
	26.	" interest on S. R. Huse's note	72 00
July	23.	" " " E. W. Case's note	36 00
Sept.	23.	" " " S. Ridley's note	90 00
Oct.	30.	" " " A. L. Wood's note	42 00
Nov.	1.	" " " exchange of note	63 52

1871.			
April 1.	By interest on L. D. Parker's note		$30 00
3.	" " " A. L. Stone's note		30 08
13.	" " " J. Somerville's note		180 39
21.	" " " R. J. Barber's note		90 00
June 19.	" " " small sums, and extra interest		50 58
			$968 61

DEBIT.

1870.			
June 25.	To appropriation to Rev. S. Morgan	$100 00	
	" " " " A. Stewart	50 00	
	" " " " S. Marsh	50 00	
	" " " " J. Gleed	50 00	
July 11.	" " " " N. Bishop	50 00	
Oct. 18.	" " " " L. S. French	50 00	
Nov. 29.	" " " " A. Stewart	25 00	
1871.			
Feb. 21.	" " " " S. Williams	25 00	
June 1.	" " " " S. Williams	25 00	
June 19.	" expenses	2 50	
	" cash in Treasury	541 11	
		$968 61	

The fund is secured by real estate, as follows:

S. R. Huse's note, June 26th	$1,200 00
H. D. Tucker's note, August 10th	300 00
Samuel Ridley's note, September 27th	1,000 00
Albert Stone's note, March 16th	500 00
P. Boardman's note, March 29th	2,000 00
L. D. Parker's note, April 1st	500 00
J. Somerville's note, April 1st	3,000 00
R. J. Barber's note, April 21st	1,500 00
	$10,000 00

J. G. STIMSON, *Treasurer.*

Moneys received for widows and orphans, as follows:

Deposited in Dartmouth Savings Bank, as reported last year		$322 52
Church and society in Orwell	$15 00	
Third church in Burlington	21 33	
Church and society in Norwich	20 00	
" " Middlebury	32 57	
" " Vergennes	15 80	
" " St. Johnsbury, north	46 00	
" " St. Johnsbury, south	37 18	
		187 88
		$510 40

J. G. STIMSON, *Treasurer.*

I have examined the above accounts of J. G. STIMSON, Treasurer of the "Fairbanks Fund," and of the Fund for "Widows and Orphans," and find them correct, with proper vouchers therefor.

C. E. RICHARDSON, *Auditor.*

Springfield, Vt., June 20, 1871.

The committee to nominate delegates to foreign bodies, presentented their report, which was adopted, as follows:

DELEGATES TO FOREIGN BODIES.

TO	PRIMARIES.	SUBSTITUTES.
Vt. M. E. Conference.....	Rev. J. G. Hale....	Rev. S. P. Cook.
Gen. Asso. Michigan.....	" A. Hazen....	" S. L. Bates.
Gen. Asso. Massachusetts.	" M. L Severance	" E. P. Hooker.
Gen. Asso. Iowa & Kan..	" C. Redfield...	" C. H. Hubbard
Gen. Conf. Connecticut...	" E. T. Fairb'ks.	" C. W. Thomp'n
Gen. Conf. Wis. & Oreg'n.	" H. Herrick...	" V. M. Hardy.
Gen. Conf. Rhode Island..	" J. Eaton.....	" L. W. Harris.
Gen. Assembly Presb. Ch.	" W. H. Lord..	" L. Tenney.
Gen. Asso. New York....	" H. C. Riggs..	" A. B. Swift.
Cong'l Union, Canada....	" C. M. Winch.	" J. K. Williams.
Gen. Asso. Cal.	" T. E. Ranney.	" J. C. Houghton.
F. W. B. Y. M.....	" F. W. Dickinson	" A. A. Smith.
Gen. Conf. Maine.....	" S. W. Dike...	" O. S. Morris.
Vt. Bapt. Conf.....	" W. A. Bushee	" E. E. Herrick.
Gen. Conv. Ohio.....	" R. T. Hall...	" H. M. Holmes
Gen. Asso. New Hamp...	" Wm. Sewall...	" G. H. White.
Gen. Asso. Ind. and Ill...	" N. Mighill...	" A. F. Clark.
Gen. Asso. Missouri.....	" J. B. Baldwin	" T. Baldwin.

The committee appointed to nominate the Fairbanks Boards reported, and the report was adopted as follows:

Fairbanks Board of Education—Rev. Messrs. E. T. Fairbanks, Aldace Walker, D. D., Henry Fairbanks, J. C. Emery, Esq., Rev. J. Torrey.

Fairbanks Board for the relief of destitute Clergymen—Rev. H. F. Leavitt, Hon. J. B. Page, Thaddeus Fairbanks, Esq., J. G. Stimson, Esq., Dea. A. Woolson.

The Committee on Overtures reported a resolution on defraying the expenses of delegates to the National Council, which was ordered to lie.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY MORNING.

The morning prayer meeting was led by Rev. P. B. Fisk, of Lyndonville.

The Convention was called to order.

The Scribe called the roll.

Prayer by Rev. S. W. Magill.

The Minutes of Wednesday were read and approved.

The Committee of Arrangements for the next meeting reported, and the report was adopted, as follows:

Place of Meeting—Brattleboro.

Preacher—Rev. L. H. Cobb. Substitute—Rev. G. B. Safford.

Essay—"What is the proper ratio of ethical to doctrinal preaching?" Rev. C. W. Thompson. Substitute, Rev. G. N. Webber.

Oral Discussion—"Influence of Christian mothers, through their children, upon the cause of Christ." Speakers: Rev. Messrs. A. W. Wild, M. L. Severance. Substitutes: Rev. Messrs. B. F. Perkins, W. N. Bacon.

Delegates to National Council—Primaries: Rev. Messrs. H. D. Kitchel, D. D., C. E. Ferrin, Hon. Julius Converse. Substitutes: Rev. Messrs. S. W. Magill, A. Stevens, Hon. C. W. Willard.

The Treasurer made report, which was accepted and adopted, as follows:

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Vermont General Convention in account with J. CHANDLER, *Treas.*

CREDIT.

1870. June 23.	Cash received of A. Walker		$168 88
	Received from Orange Conference		3 00
July 6.	" "	Rutland Savings Bank	123 80
Sept. 23.	" "	Windham Conference	26 21
1871. May 17.	" "	Rut. and Benn. Conference	42 35
June 20.	" "	Orleans Conference	17 11
	" "	Washington Conference	17 26
	" "	Caledonia Conference	22 01
	" "	Essex and Coos Conference	3 45
	" "	Lamoille Conference	6 31
	" "	Chittenden Conference	19 14
	" "	Orange Conference	20 29
	" "	Addison Conference	24 54
	" "	Frank. and Gr. Isle Conference	15 24
			$542 68

DEBIT.

1870. June 23.	Telegrams to Massachusetts and Maine	$2 50	
	Printing S. Sch. Circulars and postage	7 05	
	Blank book for Treasurer's accounts	40	
	Postage of Treasurer	72	
July 6.	Draft and Express charge	85	
10.	Paid Mrs. P. H. White	30 00	
Sept. 28.	Printing and distributing the Minutes	262 05	
1871. May 19.	Postage of E. H. Byington	2 36	
June 14.	Binding volume of Minutes	1 00	
	Express on package of return tickets	35	
20.	Postage of J. Torrey	2 75	
	Printing blanks for Secretary	12 25	
	Printing programmes for meeting	4 50	
	Cash on hand to balance	215 90	
			$542 68

Voted to assess the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars upon the Conferences for the current year.

Rev. C. S. Smith and the Scribe and Assistant Scribe were appointed a committee to print three thousand copies of the Minutes, and they were instructed to print the Constitution and Rules with the Minutes.

The Committee of Overtures reported a resolution, which was adopted, as follows :

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed, to report at the next annual meeting concerning the best methods by which the churches may promote Classical Education.

Rev. Messrs. J. E. Goodrich, L. A. Austin and H. T. Fuller were appointed as said committee.

The Committee of Overtures reported resolutions as follows :

Resolved, That the cause of Temperance has its foundation in the teachings of the Word of God, and should therefore be sustained and cared for by the ministry and the churches of our Lord.

Resolved, That the probable fact that there are over four thousand drunkards in our State, and that there is a large number of young men in training to become drunkards, ought to arouse to intense feeling and greater activity the friends of Temperance.

The resolutions were laid on the table to give place for the subject assigned for this morning, which was then taken up : "The best means of increasing the permanence and power of the pastorate."

Rev. A. Stevens led in the discussion, and others followed.

The Convention joined in singing,

"Pour out thy Spirit from on high."

The Committee on Assessments reported as follows :

Addison Conference	$24 54
Caledonia Conference	22 01
Chittenden Conference	19 14
Essex and Coos Conference	3 45
Franklin and Grand Isle Conference	15 24
Lamoille Conference	6 31
Orange Conference	23 29
Orleans Conference	17 11
Rutland and Bennington Conference	42 35
Washington Conference	17 26
Windham Conference	26 21
Windsor Conference	33 09

The resolutions on the subject of Temperance were called up and passed.

The following resolutions were presented by the Committee of Overtures, and unanimously adopted :

—That the Convention return their sincere thanks to the people of Springfield for their large hospitality, and still more for

the hearty manner of it; and to the choir for their very acceptable aid in our devotional services.

—That the thanks of the Convention be given to the several railroad companies who have offered to carry members of the Convention at reduced fare.

The Minutes were read and approved.

Voted to adjourn after the Sabbath School exercises of the afternoon.

The Convention united in prayer with the Register—after which the Moderator declared the Convention adjourned.

AFTERNOON.

ANNIVERSARY OF THE SABBATH SCHOOL.

Singing by the children, "Whosoever will."

Prayer by Bro. Jason Steele.

Report of the Secretary, Rev. A. Hazen.

Singing—"Salvation."

Addresses by the Moderator, Rev. Messrs. Henry Fairbanks, C. Hamlin and S. P. Cook, interspersed with and followed by singing.

Prayer by the Pastor of the Church.

Closed with benediction.

ALDACE WALKER, *Moderator.*

JOHN C. HOUGHTON, *Scribe.*

PLINY B. FISK, *Assistant Scribe.*

REPORT

ON THE

STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

Of the two essential ideas in our Congregational polity, the independence of the particular church, and the unity and fellowship of the churches, while the former is perhaps the most generally appreciated and maintained, the latter seems to be the most difficult of practical realization, and the most in danger of being neglected. We surely need as churches to *be one*, and to feel that we are one. The idea of Christ's church, the animating spirit of it, which is love, as well as the needs of each church, which will at times feel that it is not good to be alone, — alone in its work, its success, its glory ; alone in its weakness, its sorrow, its prospect of death, — these all bid us cling fast to fellowship and to cherish unity.

This need seems to be unusually felt just at this time, and men are asking how it may be satisfied. The problem is how to possess and enjoy all that is good of this unity without embracing any of its attendant evils. Three things are needed, an inquiring and attentive interest of the churches in each other, the communication of facts relating to their experience, and the heart and wisdom to sympathize and help. The first and the last of these we should all possess as Christians. The connecting link is the knowledge of each other's condition,— acquaintance.

So far as the sympathy and fellowship of the churches of this State are concerned, then, the exercise in which we are about to engage, (I magnify mine office,) is one of vital importance. Let us remember that we have come together, not merely as individuals to enjoy ourselves and exchange greetings, but especially as delegates from the churches, to renew and cultivate our *acquaintance* with the other churches of the State, of many of which we should know almost nothing, were it not for this occasion.

In your behalf, Reverend and Reloved, I have asked the churches once more how they do, and what their experience has been for the year past, and through the indefatigable zeal of the reporters, without exception, to whom I would here return my sincere thanks,

I have received replies from 190 of them, that is, from all but eight. Eden, Pownal, Tinmouth, Warren, Barnard, Bridgewater, Hartland and South Royalton, gave no answer to our greeting. Of those who make us no answer, there are two of whom their friends say that they are *extinct.*, viz.: the churches in North Hero and in Washington. One or two others are ministered to by Methodists, and of several we are told, that they are in a very feeble state and without a stated ministry. They will be spoken of in their places.

But while it is sad to speak of the feeble and the departed, we are cheered by hearing some new voices, one like the voice of a friend long dead and buried but risen from the grave, our sister church at Whiting—one that has been for some time in a dormant state, 2d St. Albans, and one voice which we are sure is entirely new, that of our energetic and promising sister at Lyndonville—whom I shall have the pleasure of introducing to you to-day.

In looking over the reports, I find that 154 are supplied with ministers, and forty-one are not. Pastors have been dismissed from the churches in Hartford, Peacham, Westminster East, St. Johnsbury second, Charlotte, Lowell, Barton and Newport,—eight in all. Pastors have been installed at Dummerston, Lowell, St. Johnsbury 2d, Middlebury, Pittsford, Fairhaven and Benson, —seven in all. Revivals of greater or less power have been enjoyed by sixteen of our churches, viz: Dover West, West Brattleboro, Fayetteville, Barre, Northfield, Sharon, West Charleston, Coventry, Craftsbury, Derby, New Haven, Bridport, Danville, Hinesburgh, Salisbury, and the 1st church in Burlington. Houses of worship have been repaired by fifteen of our churches: West Rutland, Pawlet, Middletown, Rupert, Wardsboro, Ludlow, Derby, Wolcott, Salisbury, Lyndon, Hardwick, Peacham, Island Pond, St. Johnsbury Center and Fairhaven. Chapels have been built by the church in Benson and the 1st church in Burlington. A new and beautiful house of worship has been built by the church in Manchester. Parsonages have been built in Danby, Chester and Dover West, and repaired in Coventry and Westford. Of the ministers, seventy are pastors and eighty-four are acting pastors, fifty are without charge, and there are five licentiates. Seven of the Vermont ministers have died during the year, only two of whom were at the time actively engaged in the ministry among us. They will be noticed elsewhere.

The churches of Addison Conference have not been distinguished by the special power of the Holy Spirit, and yet His presence has been manifest in their general prosperity and peace, and in the special blessings which some of them received during the

week of prayer. These fourteen churches report two vacant pulpits, and a clear gain in membership of twenty-one. The church in West Addison, with only two male and two female resident members, worship with the Methodists. There are, however, several members of other Congregational churches residing among them, and other families that sympathize with them in their polity, and would unite with them in sustaining Congregational preaching. The church in Bridport has had a delightful refreshing. The interest began with the week of prayer. Meetings were continued every evening for two weeks, with eight or ten conversions. It has been a year of growth on the part of the church, and also a year of affliction, as some of the most reliable members have died. The society has paid off debts and arrearages amounting to $1,250. The church in Bristol is without a pastor, and worships with other denominations. The church in Cornwall reports good attendance, and has gained nine in numbers. It has been a year of general prosperity in Middlebury, and the pastor is steadily gaining the confidence and affection of the people. The church in New Haven is without a pastor. The pulpit is supplied by Prof. Webber. A revival of much interest and power commenced with the week of prayer, as fruits of which thirteen were received into the church in May. There has been much interest in Orwell, and several conversions are reported. In Shoreham the social meetings are *lively*. The influence of the revival three years since is still felt. The church continues revived. There has been a noticeable interest in religion in Vergennes. The young men are somewhat active, and the church grows stronger. In Weybridge there has been some discouragement, bnt no disposition to give up. The church in Salisbury have repaired their house of worship, and, with *lay-preaching* on the Sabbath, have enjoyed a revival of religion. The little church in Whiting, after a lapse of more than twenty years of independent action, has begun to revive, has hired a minister for half the time, has received two members and is expecting to receive ten or twelve more—has organized a Congregational society and a Sabbath school, and all since the first of January, 1871.

The churches of Caledonia Conference bring in a very favorable report. Having organized a new church at Lyndonville, they now number fourteen. Two of the pulpits are at present vacant, but are both expected to be filled soon. There has been a clear gain of sixty-eight members, the additions being 147, an average of over ten to each church—and the removals seventy-nine. The church in McIndoe's Falls reports much interest and many difficulties, but a gradual improvement in many things — several conver-

sions. In Barnet, the society has suffered much by removals, but those who remain, cheerfully assume the larger burdens. Meetings are all well sustained. Much interest during the week of prayer. The church in Burke feels weak, but maintains its meetings as usual. One young man, a member of the church, is preparing for the ministry. The church in Cabot is without a minister, Mr. Drew having resigned. The church is harmonious, and they have another minister prospectively engaged. Better things have been enjoyed by the church in Danville. Something of a revival was experienced in December, in connection with the Methodist church. Of the fifteen who joined the church, fourteen were heads of families. The church in Hardwick has had a year of prosperity. The house of worship has been repaired, and, by the efforts of the ladies, furnished with a new carpet and a bell. The church in Lyndon cannot say much of religious prosperity, but financially they have done well in expending $600 in repairs and purchase of cabinet organ, besides paying $100 on an old debt. A church of forty-one members was organized at Lyndonville last December. The week of prayer was observed with great interest. The village, laid out in the summer of 1866, contains about 120 families, nearly all of whom are attendants upon the Sabbath services. The society has nearly raised funds to erect a house of worship, and expects to begin the work of building forthwith. At present they worship in a hall in the third story. The church edifice at St. Johnsbury Center has been remodeled and repaired at an expense of 1,200. The religious interest is as usual. The second church in St. Johnsbury reports much improvement, in size and interest of prayer meetings. In St. Johnsbury East, the church has been quietly and joyfully gathering in the fruits of the revival of last year. The church in Waterford is without a pastor, but the affairs of the church are harmonious and promising, and there is a prospect of securing a minister soon.

The report from Chittenden Conference does not show that the year has been one of marked prosperity, though there has been evident progress in outward affairs, and a gain of twenty-one in membership. All of the eighteen churches have good houses of worship, excepting that at Jericho Center. Some effort has been made during the last four years to repair the old brick church there, but obstacles have presented themselves. The reporter says, "It is to be deplored that so efficient a church as this should be so lax in this particular." The church and society at Westford have purchased and repaired the house that has been used as a parsonage. The first church in Burlington has built an elegant chapel, with lecture room below and pleasant parlors above. Some

progress has also been made in *spiritual* things in this conference. In the first church in Burlington, there has been more than ordinary religious interest since the first of January. A few additional meetings have been held, and there have been some conversions and a quickening of religious life within the church. The second church in Burlington has received more members than for two years past. The church in Charlotte is without a pastor; meetings are held, however, and with some religious interest. The church in Hinesburgh has enjoyed a refreshing from the presence of the Lord. Union meetings, beginning with the week of prayer, were continued during the winter, four in each week, one of them a young people's meeting. Seriousness prevailed in and outside of the church. Thirteen have been added to it, and from six to ten others have expressed a hope in Christ. God's people are still longing and hoping for "better things than these." Christians are unusually active and fervent in the church in Richmond, and are looking for a revival. Some extra meetings have just been held and are resulting in some good. The church in South Hero has been afflicted by the death of one of its most active young men. He bequeathed his property to various benevolent objects, giving, among others, $500 to the A. B. C. F. M. and $200 to his pastor. At Underhill there have been six or eight conversions among the young people of the academy. The church has suffered by death. The churches at Williston and Winooski have suffered by removal and death, yet both are hopeful and zealous. There has been unusual religious interest in Westford, chiefly in two districts in the eastern part, where meetings have been held by the Congregational and Baptist ministers. Ten or twelve profess to have met with a change of heart. With two exceptions, the services in this Conference are held in the morning and evening, giving more time to the Sabbath school, and all the churches seem pleased with the arrangement.

Of the three churches in Essex Conference, one, Guildhall, is without a pastor, but its pulpit has been supplied for three months by missionary labor. The other two churches, at Lunenburgh and at Granby and Victory, are in ordinary condition. They report a net loss of two members, and a total membership of 458.

The fourteen churches of Franklin and Grand Isle Conference show by their report a gain of two members. One of these churches, that at North Hero, is reported as extinct. There is but one member left, the rest having gone to other churches, and the enterprise has proved a failure. The church in East Berkshire has observed during the year the semi-centennial anniver-

sary of its organization. It reports "order and discipline good," and a peaceful and growing condition. There was some religious interest in connection with the week of prayer. In Enosburgh the prayer meetings are well attended. The little church in Fairfield, located in the midst of Romanism, has prospered unusually. There have been conversions and additions to the church. The cause of temperance has made much progress ;—inebriates have reformed and attend public worship, and the religious affairs of the church are in a good condition. The state of religion is said to be low in the church in Georgia. There was some interest in the week of prayer, with two conversions of unusual interest. The report complains of chronic apathy on the part of the majority of the church which is not broken by the actual display of God's converting power. In Highgate the year has been one of dearth. The church has been weakened by removals and death, and there seems to be a want of consecration on the part of those who remain. In the church in Montgomery the prayer meetings are well attended. Mr. Paine is only nominally pastor of this church, having resigned long since. The pulpit is supplied only one fourth of the time, by Rev. E. W. Hatch. There is a hopeful condition of affairs in Sheldon. The congregation is increasing, and the Sabbath school retains nearly all the congregation. The first church in St. Albans, the clerk reports, is harmonious and prosperous. The ministrations of the pastor are highly appreciated. Members are added at almost every communion. An organized plan of Christian work has just been put in operation. The church mourns the death of Lawrence Brainerd, and of other influential members. The second church in St. Albans, after some years of suspension of regular services, has resumed them again. The house of worship is repaired. There has been some religious interest and a few conversions. The church, with the help of the first church, have called a minister, who now resides with them, and their prospects are bright. In Swanton there has been a good degree of religious interest. Prayer meetings are well attended, several have been converted, and some young persons have joined the church on profession of faith. The church has doubled its membership within three years, yet no member regrets his haste in joining the church, nor does the church feel that it has been too ready to receive members. The young people do well in prayer meeting, and in two classes of young persons in the Sabbath school there are forty-five members.

It has been a year of very little religious interest in Lamoille Conference, and the figures show a loss of twelve in membership. The cause of temperance, however, has prospered. Three of the

nine pulpits are vacant, Eden, North Hydepark and Waterville. (North Hydepark and Waterville have had preaching for three months.) The church in Morrisville was without a pastor until September, but is now seeing an increase of attendance, with a prospect of additions. The church in Johnson has suffered greatly from changes and imposition. The meeting-house at Wolcott has been repaired. There has been increased interest in the church in Stowe, and several conversions. Meetings in two out-districts, and a Sabbath school in one of them, have been held for a part of the year. The temperance cause has made much progress. The church in Hydepark greatly need a meeting-house. They have secured a desirable site, and have raised over $2,000 for building. The interest in the Sabbath school is increased, one mission school is held, and the pastor preaches in two out-districts.

The eighteen churches of Orleans Conference report a clear gain for the year of forty-five members, which number would have been larger had not the dismissals exceeded the accessions by letter, by eleven. There are four vacant pulpits in this conference — at Albany, Barton, Troy and Westfield. The church in Albany is without a minister, and is in a somewhat divided state, which seriously cripples it. Sabbath services are sustained by the deacons. Brownington speaks of a good Sabbath school, and a serious and attentive congregation. The church in West Charleston has made slow but sure and steady progress. The week of prayer was observed, and meetings continued every evening through the month, with several conversions and a higher devotion in church members, which still continues. There has been very marked religious interest also in Coventry. There have been few extra meetings excepting in neighboring districts, and yet thirty conversions are reported, with the prospect of receiving about twenty into the church. The young people's meeting is well sustained. Twelve families have been added to the congregation. The parsonage has been repaired, and the minister's salary increased by $200. The church in Craftsbury has had a year of unusual prosperity. The pastor says: "The revival which commenced in the south neighborhood a year ago, continued through the summer and fall, and that neighborhood has been thoroughly renovated. Other parts of the parish have shared the blessing, and the church has been greatly strengthened by valuable accessions of men and women of intellectual and moral worth. Of twenty who have united on profession, nineteen are heads of families. Eleven new family altars have been erected during the year. We feel that our great danger is of glorying selfishly in the blessing, and forgetting our dependence." An extensive revival has also been enjoyed by the

church in Derby. While their meeting-house was undergoing repairs to the extent of $3,000, they were worshiping with the Methodists, and received with them a rich blessing. The number of conversions was 100, including twenty-nine heads of families. Twenty-six have been added to the church, mostly young men and women of influence, more than doubling the working power of the church. The Sabbath school has trebled in numbers and interest. The church in Glover has been blessed with harmony and peace. Its prayer-meetings are well sustained. In Greensboro the church has suffered largely from the removal of some of its best members. The number has been kept more than good by additions. In Holland, the state of religious feeling has been hopeful. The week of prayer was observed. No record of the church in Irasburgh has been kept for the past nine years, and no full record for twenty-two years. False estimates of church statistics have been made hitherto, and with a report of thirty members absent, unknown and dead to itself, the church starts now on a new record. The ministrations of the word have been maintained for two thirds of the year, and an effort is now being made to begin better days by repairing the house of worship. The acting pastor writes: "May the Lord rebuke and disappoint those who are willing this church should die, and help those who are praying and laboring that it may live." Considerable religious interest is reported by the church in Lowell, and a spirit in the church which promises good things. The church in Morgan feels desolate since the death of its acting pastor, Mr. Gray. It has had no Congregational preaching since, and the prospect is rather discouraging, as there are only six resident male members in the church. The pastor, Mr. Clark, is too aged and feeble to perform much ministerial service. The church in Newport is prospering. The church in Troy has suffered much by emigration, and finds great difficulty in making progress with a large foreign population of almost every shade of error and unbelief. Unity and peace prevail in the church in North Troy, but not much spiritual life. Some hopeful indications appear in the church in Westfield. The church in Island Pond is increasing in members. A parsonage has been purchased and the house of worship repaired.

The twenty churches in Orange Conference report eight vacant pulpits, and a clear gain of five in membership. In Bradford, there seemed to be signs, at one time, of a gracious work of the spirit. There have been several additions to the church, and a few conversions. The church in Braintree has been supplied with preaching for only a portion of the time. The pastor, Rev. Ammi Nichols, now ninety years of age, is unable to engage in active

ministerial labors. Dea. Nichols writes that "the religious interest has been at low water mark, and that the church needs the sympathy of her fellows." The second church of Brookfield has enjoyed a gracious visitation of the spirit during the past winter. The state of things continues hopeful. In the church in Corinth there has been a steady advance in interest among Christians, with some additions to their church membership. Chelsea is rejoicing again in a settled minister. The church in West Fairlee has suffered much by the death of some of its efficient members, and the illness of its minister. The church in Newbury mourns the death of Dea. Keyes, and the ill health of its minister, but has been favored with the services of a substitute. There has been considerable religious interest. The house of worship is being beautified. West Randolph has adopted a new hymn book, "Songs of the Sanctuary," and has carried out a system of parochial visitation with good success. The church in Thetford prospers. There is a good degree of interest among all classes. Vershire has no public worship nor Sabbath school. The church in Wells River has been blessed with a spirit of work and prayer. Two branch Sabbath schools and two district prayer meetings have been sustained and have resulted in much good. The pulpits in Braintree, Brookfield first, Post Mills, Randolph, Strafford, Vershire, Washington and Williamstown are vacant. Of the church in Washington the reporter says: "It has not been heard from for years. It is twice dead. I don't know as a single member remains."

The churches in Rutland and Bennington Conference report, this year, a smaller number, (seventy-nine,) of "additions by profession" than for some years past. Some churches, however, enjoyed the quickening influences of the Spirit. There has been a marked seriousness in Rutland. At each communion some have united with the church,—at one time eighteen. The interest continues. Ten have professed religion in Benson, and five or six each, in the churches of Bennington second, Danby and Wallingford. All of the self-sustaining churches are provided with pastors. With aid from the Domestic Missionary Society, several of the feebler churches, by earnest effort of their own, are regularly supplied, while most of the remaining ones enjoy preaching by amicable co-operation with their Methodist brethren. This "Memorial Year," although a year of pecuniary depression in this county, has been quite productive of external improvements, in sanctuaries and instruments of worship, mentioned elsewhere. West Rutland church has made a change in hymn-books for both social and public worship. Pawlet, besides repairing its house of worship, has a new bell, Middletown a new organ costing $800, and Dorset

a $100 organ for the Sabbath school. The churches in North Bennington and Danby, though young, and unprovided in exclusive possession with sanctuary or parsonage, have yet provided comfortable and pleasant homes for their ministry. Some effort has been made in this Conference to look after the waste places. The West Rutland church gives up its afternoon service, and the pastor preaches in three other parts of the parish. Other churches hold neighborhood meetings or mission schools. The Sabbath schools increase in attendance. The Bible service meets with favor. In Brandon many adults attend. The cause of temperance has made progress in Clarendon, and many feel that this cause should be conscientiously and liberally cared for by our churches.

All but two of the thirteen churches in Washington Conference have been supplied with ministers during the year, and one of those was supplied for three months by a student. The year has been one of more than usual spiritual prosperity, and several of the churches have enjoyed a reviving. Two of the missionary churches which occupy "union houses" have, with the help of friends, secured funds, and are now building houses of worship for themselves. In Barre some religious interest was awakened during the week of prayer. For five successive weeks meetings were held every evening. Those converted or reclaimed from backsliding number about twenty. The members of the academy shared in the spirit of revival, and some of them co-operated with the church. In Berlin the Sabbath school is unusually large and interesting, and the current expenses have been raised with greater facility than ever before. The church in West Berlin have bought the share of the Methodists in the union house, and hold meetings every Sabbath. The conference meetings on Sabbath evening are very fully attended and very interesting. The brethren do their part willingly and promptly in sustaining them. The church in Duxbury has had no meetings since last summer. It has suffered a great loss in the death of Dea. Earl Ward, who was deacon more than forty years, and a pillar of the church. The church in Marshfield is in an active working condition. Their "mind to work" is seen in their efforts to build a church, and sustain meetings all the time after the 23d of May. The church in Montpelier has been in better order and spirit than for some time. The social meetings are well attended. The church in Northfield enjoyed something of a revival during the winter. Several were converted, and there still prevails a manifest thoughtfulness and a deep interest in the study of the Word. In Plainfield the working element in the church is quite weak, and the

need is felt of a greater sense of personal responsibility on the part of those who remain. The church in Roxbury has suffered from the ill-will of those that are without, and also from internal differences. It has been a year of trial. Instead of being rent asunder, however, the church has, with the aid of friends, raised funds for building a meeting-house. The church in Waterbury has been quickened of late, and there is more encouragement in both temporal and spiritual matters. A few hopeful conversions have occurred. At Worcester there have been two or three conversions during the year, and there is now more religious interest than at any previous time. The church in Waitsfield has had a year of prosperity—has introduced the "Book of Praise" and congregational singing. This conference reports a net gain of thirty-four members, the additions being sixty-nine and the removals thirty-five.

The twenty-five churches of Windham Conference have, on the whole, hardly held their own in numbers during the year, the additions being eighty-six and the removals eighty-nine, leaving a loss of three members. It is fair to say, however, that this loss is more than accounted for by the fact that ten more members have been *dismissed* than have been received by letter in that conference. Bellows Falls reports a marked interest in the Sabbath school. During the winter union meetings were held with the Baptist and Methodist churches, under the direction of Rev. H. G. DeWitt. For a time there was some interest and a few were converted, but the final issue was not altogether happy, nor the effect very deep or lasting upon the church as a whole, though several individuals seem to have been brought near to Christ and greatly blessed. There has been a remarkable work of grace in West Brattleboro, in school district No. 10, where meetings of the Young Men's Christian Association have been held. Members of every family, but two or three, have given evidence of conversion. In that and the neighboring districts of Dummerstown Hill, there have been forty or fifty conversions. Many of these persons desire the formation of a union church, but the plan has not been encouraged by the other evangelical churches in town. In East Brattleboro there has been a good degree of interest in the outward prosperity of the church, paying the society's debt, making needed improvments, etc. There has also been marked religious interest on the part of some who have not yet made a profession of religion, but who are kept back by supposed failures in duty on the part of the church. Still, there is a more manifest unity of Christ's people, and recently some tokens of the Holy Spirit's presence have been given. Cambridgeport tells of four conver-

sions, and an earnest spirit on the part of the church. In West Dover the special interest commenced in the fall, and continued during the winter. The church was revived and made more active in every good word and work. There were ten or eleven conversions, and back-sliders were reclaimed. In Dummerston there is a fair general interest; a few have been converted and some are laboring faithfully. The Ladies' Cent Society has been instrumental in increasing the benevolent contributions. Fayetteville reports marked progress. Four prayer meetings each week have been sustained since the first of November. Eight persons are indulging the hope that they have found the Saviour. The church is much refreshed, its meetings greatly improved, and the interest is shared by others who are not yet Christians, but who say they desire to be. In West Halifax, there are several persons who would unite with the church if there were preaching. Marlboro has had no stated preaching since last July. The church is making an effort to obtain a minister. Peru reports an unusual interest in the Sabbath services and in the weekly prayer meetings, which are fully attended. The church in Putney seems to be prospering. The prayer meetings are well sustained. The church has sustained a serious loss in the death of Dea. Crawford, an influential member and liberal supporter. In the church in East Townshend there is an increasing interest in the Sabbath school and in the Sabbath school concert, which is held in the afternoon of the last Sabbath in each month. The church in West Townshend have been without a minister for more than a year, but hold their meetings regularly. The church in Wardsboro was without preaching from October to April. The Sabbath services and the weekly prayer meetings have been sustained, but the members feel weak and low-spirited. At Westminister East the society has voted to repair the church and parsonage. The church is outwardly prosperous, but is without a pastor. Westminster West reports a very low state of religion. The church in Wilmington has had no regular minister.

To the twenty-five churches of Windsor Conference, the past year can hardly be called one of prosperity. Although two or three of them have had seasons of refreshing, and others report some growth, yet, on the whole, there has been a net loss of twenty-nine members, and the deaths have outnumbered the additions on profession, by five. The church in Bethel has suffered by the removal of families, yet those who remain show a willingness to do all that is possible to support the established means of grace. In Chester, the church observed the week of prayer in connection with the Baptists, and union meetings are now held on Sab-

bath evenings. No special religious interest. The church in Hartford has been for a time without a minister, but at present is enjoying the services of Rev. Robert Southgate. The want of a pastor has been deeply felt at West Hartford, but the church is now supplied with one. The young men's Sabbath morning prayer meeting has been sustained with interest for nearly a year. There have been five hopeful conversions, but no additions to the church. There is increasing solemnity on the Sabbath and in the social meetings in Norwich. The Young Men's Christian Association sustain district prayer meetings in the summer. An interesting prayer meeting has also been sustained in a district remote from the church, by the godly men and women who live there. In Pittsfield, two weekly prayer-meetings have been sustained for most of the year. There are many of the inhabitants who never attend church except on funeral occasions. The church in Pomfret has been without preaching, excepting for two months by a student. They are making a hopeful effort now to secure a minister. The church in Quechee reports general prosperity. The pastor of the church in Rochester says: "we have peace, but it is rather the peace of the Dead Sea than of the river. We have been trying the 'one service' plan, with longer Sabbath school, but our neighbors have gone back to two sermons, and we shall, perhaps." The church in Sharon has enjoyed more religious interest and greater blessing than for many years. Eighteen have been added to the church, twelve by profession, and six or seven others say they have found Christ. The church has made cheering progress, and the Sabbath school has doubled in members and in interest. The Sabbath and social meetings of the church in Springfield have been well attended and well sustained, with ten or twelve hopeful conversions. The Sabbath school is large and interesting, in connexion with which, temperance has been urged by precept and pledge. Church dicipline has received prayerful and considerate attention, and a generous spirit of union and brotherly love has prevailed. The church in Stockbridge was without a minister through the winter. The weekly prayer meetings and Sabbath services were sustained, however, with a good degree of interest. The average congregation in Weathersfield has been reduced by removals, and the attendance at Sabbath school lessened by unusual sickness; still, the church has enjoyed some spiritual prosperity. For many years, preaching has been supported in Ascutneyville, half by Congregationalists and half by Methodists, who are entirely harmonious in their meetings, both for public and for social worship. The Congregational members are few but united. For more than two years, there has been no preaching in the church in Weston. Harmony has also been wanting.

At present, the weekly meeting is better sustained than for some time, and a disposition is manifested to have public worship. The church is now supplied by a student. Of late there has been some evident growth of spirituality among church members at Windsor, deeper interest in meetings, and a few marked conversions. The pastor of the church in Woodstock says: "We have had pleasure and prosperity in Zion in all respects save one, viz: few have joined us."

GENERAL RESULTS.

Gathering together the facts comprehended in these several reports, we find that our churches have, as reported, a total of 18,565 members, of whom 3,317 are non-residents. There have been received during the year, by profession of faith 596, by letter 375, in all 971. There have been dismissed 460, excommunicated twelve, and 366 have died, making the total loss of 838, and leaving us an increase in membership over last year of 133. Addison Conference has gained nineteen, Chittenden twenty-one, Franklin and Grand Isle two, Orange five, Orleans forty-five, Washington thirty-four and Caledonia sixty-eight; while Essex has lost one, Lamoille twelve, Rutland and Bennington sixteen, Windham three and Windsor twenty-nine. There are 20,603 connected with our Sabbath schools—about 400 more than last year. The average congregations are reported at 21,782, about 200 less than last year. The benevolent contributions amount to $45,104.50, which is about $2,000 in advance of last year. There have been 394 baptisms of adults and 253 baptisms of infants.

Allusion has sometimes been made in previous reports to the value of the property owned by churches, and to the annual cost of supporting gospel preaching in our State. With the advice of your late corresponding secretary, I have ventured to add these two questions to those usually put to the churches, and also to ask after the place of collegiate and theological education of the minister, questions which, if they be of less interest to the churches, may be of interest to the clergy.

J. TORREY,
Corresponding Secretary.

East Hardwick, Vt., June, 1871.

OBITUARY NOTICES.

Six of the ministers of this state have died during the year past.

Rev. RICHARD CHARLES HAND died in Brooklyn, N. Y., July 28, 1870, in the sixty-ninth year of his age. He was born in Shoreham, Vt., Jan. 21, 1802. At the age of fourteen he was converted and united with the church. In 1822 he graduated at Middlebury college, and at Andover in 1825. Ordained at Rutland in the same year, he commenced his ministry at Gouverneur, St. Lawrence Co., N. Y., where he was duly installed September 6, 1826. Pioneer work was called for here, and Mr. Hand had a large share in laying the foundations of the educational and religious institutions of the county. In 1832, on account of failing health, he accepted the agency of the American Board for the State of New York, and about two years afterward, the general agency of the A. B. C. F. M. for Northern New England. In 1839 he resumed his pastoral work at Danville, where he was installed in 1841. Having been prostrated by severe illness, he was dismissed in 1846, and in 1848 was again installed over the first Congregational church in Bennington. After laboring here about five years, his health failed, and he was constrained to abandon the work of the ministry. He was dismissed in 1853 and took up his residence in Brooklyn, N. Y.

Mr. Hand was a man of commanding presence, of liberal culture and of amiable character. He was an earnest and successful preacher, having been permitted in the course of his ministry to witness several seasons of great religious interest. He was a man of discriminating judgment and of good financial and executive ability. He was one of the leading ministers of the State, and preached the Convention sermon in 1842, at which time he was chosen moderator of the convention.

Obituary notice in Congregational Quarterly, 1871, page 77.

Rev. ASAHEL REED GRAY died in Coventry, August 18, 1870, in the fifty-seventh year of his age. He was born in the same town, June 29, 1814, graduated at the University of Vermont in 1844, after which he studied theology with Rev. S. R. Hall, of Craftsbury. On finishing his studies he was unanimously called to be pastor of the church in his native town, and was ordained as such November 13, 1844. For fourteen years he occupied this position, when he was dismissed in 1858, and soon after became acting pastor of the church in Albany. He afterwards preached for a part of the time in Holland, in Morgan and in Salem.

Mr. Gray was a good man, of amiable disposition, strong faith, and thoroughly evangelical creed. As a minister, he was characterized by earnestness and fidelity. He loved to preach the gospel, and exhibited much of the missionary spirit in his work. His illness was very short, but attended with extreme suffering and the utterances of a lively hope.

Fuller notice in Congregational Quarterly for 1871, page 79.

Rev. JOHN GLEED died in Morrisville, September 27th, 1870, in the eighty-sixth year of his age. He was born in Swindon, Wiltshire, England, in January, 1785. At the age of fifteen he went to London, when, for the first time, he heard the *gospel* preached. In 1805 he entered Hoxton academy, where he was fitted for the ministry, and in 1810 was ordained over the Independent church at Teignmouth, Devonshire. He was afterwards settled ten years at Lyme Regis, Dorsetshire, and four years at Seaton, Devonshire. In 1832 he came to America, labored five years in Granby and other towns in Canada East, after which he came in 1837 to East Berkshire, dividing his labors between the towns of East and West Berkshire and Montgomery. He afterwards spent two years in preaching at Waterville and two at Wolcott, where his labors were interrupted by Millerism. He there spent about three years in itinerant lecturing, doing much for Sabbath schools and for temperance, and preaching sometimes at Eden. In 1847 he returned to Waterville, where he was acting pastor for fourteen years, after which he removed to Morrisville in 1861, to spend his remaining days with his sons.

Mr. Gleed thus enjoyed a ministry of over half a century. He was a man of vigorous and enduring constitution, not minding fatigue or exposure. With great firmness and energy, he united a genial and humorous social nature. He was a thorough student of the Scriptures, and a plain, thoughtful and pungent preacher. He is remembered as a bold advocate of the temperance and anti-slavery reforms.

Fuller notice in the Congregational Monthly, 1871, page 331.

Rev. NELSON BISHOP died at the residence of Rev. J. P. Humphrey, in East St. Johnsbury, January 10th, 1871, in the sixty-ninth year of his age. He was born in Orford, Conn., Nov. 20, 1802, graduated at Bangor in 1826, was ordained pastor of the church at Clinton, Maine, November 19, 1828. On account of the failure of his voice, he was dismissed in 1834, after which he was for three years a resident licentiate at Andover. In November, 1839, he was installed over the church in Weathersfield, Vt., and was dismissed in 1842. From this time until 1865, a period of over twenty years, he was one of the publishers and editors of the Vermont Chronicle, and subsequently was connected with the Boston Recorder. At the time of his death, he was acting as agent for the Congregationalist and Recorder.

Mr. Bishop was almost always present at the meetings of this convention, and was too well and widely known to need that much should be said here of his character. He had a very thorough acquaintance with the Scriptures, which he quoted with great aptness and accuracy. In the doctrine and polity of our churches he was entirely at home, and his positions were usually correctly taken and strongly held. He was a clear and forcible writer, and although keen in controversy, was yet of a gentle and Christian temper. The association of which he was a member records its high estimate of his religious character and usefulness.

Rev. FREDERICK HICKS died in Bennington, February 24, 1871, in the 37th year of his age. He was born at Bennington, September 26, 1834. At the age of twenty he was hopefully converted, and

united with the church in his native place. He entered Williams College in 1857, and was a member of the Natural History commission from that college to Greenland, June 26, 1860. He graduated in 1861, and left for Central America, for the purpose of doing independent and self-supporting colporteur and missionary work. Armed with Bibles and tracts, he visited Guatemala in 1861, returned to Panama in 1865, where, having perfected himself as a speaker of the Spanish language, he opened a school for the gratuitous instruction of colored children. He also devoted himself to visiting the sick and poor, and to the care of foreigners who were needy or sick, and to missionary work generally. He was ordained while on a visit to Bennington in 1868, where he remained several weeks, supplying the pulpit, and abounding in pastoral labors which were greatly blessed. In 1869 he returned to Panama, where a church had been organized and a house of worship built through his instrumentality. After a few months his health broke down, and he was obliged to return again to Vermont. The immediate occasion of his death was his attempt to cure himself, according to an author he had read, by prolonged abstinence from food. For thirty-two days he took no nourishment whatever, except water. The experiment was fatal. He resumed nourishment, but lingered only for three weeks. Mr. Hicks seems to have been controlled strongly by the idea of independence of any missionary society, and of self-support. His was a "*life of trust*," and a singularly successful one. Means came to him from unexpected quarters in small and large sums, and often just as they were wanted. Thus, his family was provided for and he was enabled out of the same means to support a colporteur for a large portion of the time. His consecration to Christ was very marked, and his zeal very untiring in services of Christian love and sympathy.

Fuller notice in Bennington Banner, February, 1871.

Rev. CHARLES WALKER, D. D. died in Binghamton, N. Y., November 28, 1870, aged seventy-nine He was born in Woodstock, Conn., February 1st, 1791. When he was six years old, his father removed to Strafford, Vt., where his youth was spent. At the age of twenty-one, he returned on foot to his native town, in Connecticut, making a circuit of 500 miles, where he remained five years as clerk and overseer of a woolen factory. During a revival of religion which occurred at this time, he was a subject of its gracious influences, and devoted himself to study for the gospel ministry. After spending about a year and a-half in study at Cherry Valley, N. Y., and at Meriden, N. H., he went to Andover seminary, where he graduated in 1821. His first labors as a preacher were among the seamen at the Mariners' church in New York. He was ordained as an Evangelist by the Presbytery of Otsego, in 1822, and in July of that year commenced preaching in Rutland, Vt., where he was installed January 1st, 1823. On account of a bronchial disease he was dismissed in 1833, after a ministry in which 249 members had been added to the church. Unable to preach, he opened the seminary in Castleton, where he remained a year and regained his voice. January 1st, 1835, he was installed pastor of the church in Brattleboro, where he enjoyed a successful ministry of eleven years. The occasion of his

leaving, was a temperance sermon which gave offence to a few influential men. In 1846 he was installed over the church in Pittsford, where he remained until 1864. This was his last pastorate.

Dr. Walker was chosen a member of the corporation of Middlebury college in 1837, a corporate member of the A. B. C. F. M. in 1838, and a member of the Board of Trustees of Burr and Burton Seminary in 1830. He received his degree of D. D. from the University of Vermont in 1847. In his character Dr. Walker was amiable, magnanimous, upright, consecrated to the Saviour and a Christian of marked spirituality, faith, love and humility. As a preacher he was peculiarly instructive and impressive, and sound in the faith. As a pastor, he was faithful and devoted to the interests of his people. He was one of the originators of the Vermont Chronicle and a liberal contributor to its columns. Several sermons, tracts and Sunday school books are among his published works.

Commemoration sermon published in the Manchester Journal, February 28th, 1871.

Rev. SETH SHALER ARNOLD died in Weathersfield, ———, 1871, aged eighty-three years. He was born in Westminster, Feb. 22, 1788, graduated at Middlebury in 1812, studied theology with Rev. J. Breckenridge, of Washington, D. C., and Rev. Sylvester Sage, of Westminster. He was ordained pastor of the church in Alstead, N. H., January 17th, 1816, where he labored until 1834. He also preached at Gilsom and Walpole, N. H., and at Westminster, about two years at each place. He was acting pastor in Newfane, Wardsboro, Saxton's River, Westminster West, Springfield and Cavendish, in Vermont, and at Troy, Westmoreland, Langdon, Charlestown, Unity, Lempster and Alstead, in New Hampshire. Several revivals occurred in the course of his ministry. In 1864 he retired from the ministry and took up his residence in Weathersfield. He was a good man and an earnest and devoted minister of Christ.

CHURCH PROPERTY.

The amount of Church Property reported by 142 churches is, by counties, as follows :

Addison County	$109,026	Orleans County	$58,600
Caledonia	79,700	Rutland & Bennington	200,500
Chittenden	207,500	Washington	99,200
Franklin & Grand Isle	94,000	Windham	94,900
Lamoille	17,776	Windsor	86,200
Orange	73,700		
			$1,121,092

SALARIES OF MINISTERS.

In the following table the *first* column of figures gives the number of churches in each Association that have reported the salaries paid their ministers; the *second* column, the aggegate amount paid by these churches; the *third* column, the average salary; the *fourth* column, the number of churches that pay $1,000 or more.

10 in Addison Assoc.	pay	$10,600	av.	$1,060	.7 are $1,000 or over.
12 in Winooski	"	11,850	"	987	.3 " "
10 in No. Western	"	8,800	"	880	.4 " "
6 in Bennington	"	5,800	"	996	.3 " "
14 in Caledonia	"	14,450	"	1,030	.6 " "
14 in Orleans	"	9,900	"	770	.2 " "
15 in Rutland	"	16,800	"	1,120	.9 " "
4 in Lamoille	"	2,750	"	700	.0 " "
11 in Orange	"	11,000	"	1,000	.6 " "
14 in Montpelier	"	13,700	"	980	.6 " "
3 in Royalton	"	2,100	"	700	.0 " "
13 in Windham	"	11,500	"	900	.4 " "
4 in Windsor	"	4,500	"	1,125	.3 " "
4 in White River	"	3,600	"	900	.1 " "
134	all	$127,750		$905	.54 are $1,000 or over.

The following are the places of collegiate and theological education of 134 ministers, with the number of graduates from each institution:

COLLEGES.

English	2	Harvard	2	Williams	6
Glasgow	1	Brown	2	Yale	12
Lafayette	1	Hamilton	2	Amherst	15
N. Y. Univ	1	Bowdoin	3	Dartmouth	22
Illinois	1	Oberlin	4	Middlebury	25
Wabash	1	Union	5	Univ. Vt.	29
					134

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARIES.

Cheshunt, Eng.	1	East Windsor	2	Auburn	9
Chicago	1	Hartford	3	Union	17
Lane	1	Oberlin	3	Bangor	20
Theol. Inst.	2	New Haven	5	Andover	60
Gilmanton	2	Princeton	7		133

ECCLESIASTICAL RECORD.

CHURCH ORGANIZED.

1870, Dec. 6.....Lyndonville,.....41 members.

MINISTERS ORDAINED AND INSTALLED.

1870, Sept. 8.....Mr. Russell T. Hall.....Pittsford.
Oct. 18.....Mr. F. B. Phelps.....Lowell.
Dec. 8.....Mr. Sidney Crawford.....Fairhaven.
Dec. 15.....Mr. Charles M. Southgate.....St. Johnsbury North.
Mr. Levi G. Chase.....Dummerston.

MINISTERS INSTALLED.

1870, June 28.....Rev. Henry M. Holmes.....Benson.
Sept. 1.....Rev. E. P. Hooker.....Middlebury.

LICENTIATES.

Nelson F. Cobleigh.....Marshfield.
Matthew H. Buckham.....Burlington.
Edward Hungerford.....Burlington.
Geo. N. Abbott.....South Newbury.

MINISTERS DISMISSED.

1870, July 12.....Rev. P. B. Fisk.....Peacham.
Oct. 18.....Rev. Azro A. Smith.....Lowell.
Dec. 14.....Rev. E. C. Cummings.....St. Johnsbury North.
1871, Apr. 25.....Rev. Geo. H. Bailey.....Newport.
Apr. 26.....Rev. Wm. A. Robinson.....Barton.
Rev. F. J. Fairbanks.....Westminster East.
Rev. B. F. Ray.....Hartford.

MINISTERS DECEASED.

1870, July 28.....Rev. Richard C. Hand.....Brooklyn, N. Y.
Aug. 18.....Rev. Asahel R. Gray.....Coventry.
Sep. 27.....Rev. John Gleed.....Morrisville.
Nov. 28.....Rev. Charles Walker, D. D.....Binghamton, N. Y.
1871, Jan. 10.....Rev. Nelson Bishop.....St. Johnsbury East.
Feb. 24.....Rev. Frederick Hicks.....Bennington.
Rev. Seth S. Arnold.....Assutneyville.

STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES.

THE STATISTICAL YEAR ENDS THE FIRST SABBATH IN MAY.

1. ADDISON CONFERENCE. Reported by HARVEY F. LEAVITT.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min Con'ced.	Church Memb'rs				Admitted.			Removed.				Bapt'ms.		Sabbath Schools.	Average Congreg.	Benev'nt Contrib.	Estima'd Value of Church Property
						Male.	Fem.	Tot.	Abs.	Prof.	Lett.	Tot.	De'th	Dism	Excl.	Tot.	Ad'lt	Inf'nt				
Addison	Nov. 24, 1801	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	2	2	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....
Bridport	June 30, 1790	W. W. Winchester,	P.	Mar. 23, 1851	1867	66	125	191	36	6	2	8	6	6	0	12	5	1	230	200	$620 18	$16,000
Bristol	July 8, 1805	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	27	49	76	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50 00	2,026
Cornwall	July 15, 1785	S. W. Magill,	A. P.	1837	1867	59	101	160	26	8	5	13	2	2	0	4	6	3	230	175	256 06	12,000
Ferrisburgh	Jan. 25, 1824	A. B. Lyon,	A. P.	Feb. 1858	1870	18	45	63	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	90	75	71 00	10,000
Middlebury	Sept. 5, 1790	E. P. Hooker,	P.	Nov. 13, 1861	1870	139	253	392	50	5	6	12	5	8	1	14	3	1	320	300	1008 53	20,000
New Haven	Sept. 29, 1800	G. N. Webber, D. D.	A. P.	Dec. 5, 1855	1870	89	151	240	31	13	0	13	3	0	0	3	0	0	125	200	.....	3,000
Orwell	1789	M. L. Severance,	P.	Feb. 17, 1864	1869	73	111	184	26	14	1	15	2	1	0	3	10	....	290	150	281 00	5,000
Ripton	Nov. 6, 1828	Cephas H. Kent,	P.	Oct. 22, 1828	1861	27	36	63	20	3	0	3	1	3	0	4	1	0	....	45	68 00	6,000
Salisbury	Feb. 8, 1804	—. Utley, Lay Pr.	.....	.....	....	16	32	48	9	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	74	125	25 00	6,000
Shoreham	Mar. 26, 1794	Wm. N. Bacon,	P.	Dec. 28, 1859	1864	36	85	121	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	75	125	143 50	6,000
Vergennes	Sept. 17, 1793	H. P. V. Bogue,	P.	July 25, 1866	1869	63	129	192	26	1	1	2	2	8	...	10	0	0	120	180	190 00	15,000
Weybridge	June 20, 1794	H. D. Kitchel, D. D.	A. P.	Feb. 10, 1839	1867	28	46	74	10	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	77	60	.....	6,000
Whiting	Dec. 28, 1809	H. F. Leavitt,	A. P.	May 1830	1871	1	4	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	40	0 00	0,000
14		6 Pastors, 5 A. P.				647	1259	1813	267	53	15	70	22	28	1	51	25	5	1666	1675	$2,712 77	$109,026

Ministers without charge.—Joseph Steele, Daniel Ladd, Prof. Solon Albee, Prof. Ezra Brainerd, Jr., Eben Smith, John Steele, A. C. Barton, Middlebury; Stillman Morgan, Bristol.

Installed.—E. P. Hooker, Middlebury, Sept. 1, 1870.

Register of Conference—Rev. H. F. Leavitt, Middlebury.

Time of meeting of Conference—The 2d Tuesday of June, at 10 o'clock, A. M., at Orwell.

2. CALEDONIA CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. L. S. Watts.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min. Con'ted	Church Memb'rs				Admitted.			Removed.				Bap'ms.		Sabbath Schools.	Average Congreg.	Benev'nt Contrib.	Estima'd Value of Church Property
						Male.	Fem.	Tot.	Abs.	Prof.	Let.	Tot.	De'th	Dism	Excl	Tot.	Ad'lt	Inf'nt				
Barnet, (M. I. F.).	Oct. 22, 1829	S. G. Norcross,	A. P.	Oct. 11, 1859	1859	17	72	89	30	11	1	12	1	2	0	3	7	4	110	128	$125 00	$8,000
Barnet	Sept. 14, 1858	Lyman S. Watts,	A. P.	Feb. 7, 1866	1867	27	82	109	26	6	6	12	2	8	0	10	4	6	207	140	330 00	0,000
Burke	Feb. 28, 1807	Joseph Underwood,	A. P.	Apr. 8, 1826	1869	19	34	53	11	3	1	4	0	4	0	4	1	1	34	50	25 50	2,800
Cabot	Oct. 25, 1801	S. F. Drew,	P.	Oct. 18, 1857	1869	42	80	122	13	0	3	3	2	3	0	5	0	4	75	150	50 00	2,500
Danville	Aug. 1792	C. W. Thompson,	P.	July 1, 1869	1869	36	71	107	31	15	0	15	1	0	0	1	13	2	115	125	170 50	8,000
Hardwick	July 29, 1803	Joseph Torrey,	P.	May 30, 1860	1869	52	105	157	22	5	4	9	1	1	0	2	3	0	170	120	344 11	5,300
Lyndon	Nov. 30, 1817	Vacant,	.....	.....	....	18	60	78	39	0	1	1	0	10	0	10	0	2	84	90	110 00	.....
Lyndonville	Dec. 6, 1870	Perrin B. Fisk,	A. P.	Oct. 1, 1863	1870	17	32	49	0	18	31	49	0	0	0	0	12	2	208	175	12 00	0,000
Peacham	Apr. 14, 1792	M. S. Dudley,	A. P.	.....	1871	63	156	219	10	2	0	2	8	0	0	8	1	3	312	300	367 10	6,500
St. Johnsbury 1st.	Nov. 21, 1809	Edw'd T. Fairbanks,	P.	Jan. 1, 1866	1867	22	59	81	16	0	0	0	7	5	0	12	0	0	126	126	37 00	5,000
St. Johnsbury 2d..	Apr. 7, 1825	Chas. M. Southgate,	P.	Dec. 15, 1870	1870	103	131	294	71	3	2	5	3	10	0	13	2	1	315	251	3,934 44	15,000
St. Johnsbury S...	Oct. 23, 1851	Lewis O. Brastow,	P.	Jan. 10, 1861	1870	79	138	217	40	14	4	18	2	4	0	6	7	6	270	282	4,368 54	15,000
St. Johnsbury E...	Nov. 25, 1840	J. P. Humphrey,	P.	Feb. 3, 1847	1861	67	76	143	26	12	2	14	1	0	0	1	6	0	200	150	244 00	6,000
Waterford	May 30, 1798	Vacant,	.....	.....	1868	43	63	106	35	1	2	3	3	1	0	4	1	4	100	140	116 40	5,000
14		7 Pastors, 5 A. P.				605	1219	1824	370	90	57	147	31	48	0	79	57	35	2326	2227	$10,294 59	$79,700

Ministers without charge—W. W. Thayer, Prof. Henry Fairbanks, St. Johnsbury; M. H. Wells, Waterford; Moses B. Bradford, McIndoe's Falls.

Ordained—Charles M. Southgate, Dec. 15, 1870.

Dismissed—E. C. Cummings, St. Johnsbury, Dec. 14, 1870; Rev. P. B. Fisk, Peacham, July 12, 1870.

Register of Conference—Rev. P. B. Fisk, Lyndonville. *Time of meeting of Conference*—Second Tuesday in June.

Church organized—Lyndonville, Dec. 6, 1870.

3. CHITTENDEN CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. S. L. BATES.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min Com'ced.	Church Memb'rs				Admitted.			Removed.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath Schools.	Average Congreg.	Benev'nt Contrib.	Estima'd Value of Church Property
						Male.	Fem.	Tot.	Abs.	Prof.	Lett.	Tot.	Deth	Dism	Exc.	Tot.	Ad'lt	Inf'nt				
Burlington 1st....	Feb. 21, 1805	Edward H. Griffin,	P.	Feb. 6, 1868	1868	107	211	318	60	8	8	16	3	12	0	15	4	4	225	350	$1,315 00	60,000
Burlington 3d.....	Nov. 4, 1860	George B. Safford,	P.	Sept. 2, 1858	1860	35	75	110	10	6	5	11	1	4	0	5	3	0	70	225	351 16	50,000
Charlotte.....	Jan. 3, 1792	Vacant,	.....	.....	....	44	98	142	1	2	6	8	1	1	0	2	1	0	150	144	163 30	7,000
Colchester.....	1804	Charles M. Seaton,	A. P.	Sept. 28, 1837	1869	9	55	64	20	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	1	70	53	87 00	3,500
Essex.....	Oct. 3, 1791	Vacant,	.....	.....	....	34	59	93	21	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	0	50	75	75 00	4,500
Essex Junction....	June 29, 1869	Vacant,	.....	.....	....	9	18	27	2	2	2	4	1	2	0	3	2	0	200	150	.....	9,000
Hinesburgh.....	May 20, 1789	Clark E. Ferrin,	P.	Dec. 10, 1851	1856	32	68	100	32	13	1	14	3	0	0	3	8	0	142	87	.....	6,000
Jericho 1st.....	Mar. 31, 1791	Austin Hazen,	A. P.	Mar. 29, 1890	1864	32	57	89	17	1	1	2	0	1	0	1	1	1	195	100	200 00	4,500
Jericho Corners..	Aug. 31, 1836	Vacant,	.....	.....	....	8	25	33	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	....	....	.....	.....
Milton.....	Sept. 21, 1804	John H. Woodward,	A. P.		1837	1869	10	32	42	4	2	0	2	1	1	0	2	2	2	100	85	144 00	17,000
Milton West.....	Feb. 28, 1853	John H. Woodward,	A. P.		1837	1869	8	13	21	4	2	0	2	1	0	0	1	2	2	50	60	.....	.....
Richmond.....	Sept. 24, 1801	Josiah L. Litch,	A. P.	Apr. 7,	1867	1870	7	25	32	7	3	0	3	1	0	0	1	3	0	70	90	0 00	5,000
South Hero.....	1795	Orville G. Wheeler,	P.	Nov. 5,	1840	1840	23	54	77	6	2	3	5	1	2	0	3	0	1	100	100	47 00	3,000
Underhill.....	Dec. 27, 1801	Samuel L. Bates,	P.	Mar. 23,	1864	1863	32	45	77	14	0	4	4	2	0	1	3	0	1	120	116	119 00	3,500
Underhill North..	Dec. 19, 1839	Vacant,	.....	.....	....	3	8	11	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	....	....	.....	.....
Westford.....	Aug. 7, 1801	George P. Byington,	A. P.	Mar. 11,	1868	1869	25	58	83	12	0	4	4	1	4	0	5	0	2	162	140	195 22	9,000
Williston.....	Jan. 23, 1813	Joshua L. Maynard,	P.	Jan.	1841	1865	29	57	86	10	4	1	5	0	6	0	6	3	1	109	90	150 00	10,500
Winooski.....	Nov. 9, 1836	Lester H. Elliot,	P.	May 2,	1866	1866	19	49	68	15	1	2	3	2	3	1	6	0	1	96	120	92 86	15,000
18		7 Pastors, 6 A. P.					466	1007	1473	242	46	37	83	20	40	2	62	29	14	1879	1985	$2,939 54	$207,500

Ministers without charge—John H. Worcester, D. D., James Buckham, John K. Converse, John E. Goodrich, Henry A. P. Torrey, James C. Houghton, Spencer Marsh, Andrew J. Willard, Henry P. Hickok, Burlington; J. C. Wilder, Charlotte; Samuel Marsh, Eben C. Birge, Underhill; A. Fleming, Constable, N, Y.; Moses P. Parmelee, Missionary to Turkey.

Licentiates—Matthew H. Buckham, Edward Hungerford, Burlington; George N. Abbott, South Newbury.

4. ESSEX CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. JOSHUA EATON.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min Com'osd.	Church Memb'rs				Admitted.			Removed.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath Schools.	Average Congreg	Benev'nt Contrib.	Estima'd Value of Church Property
						Male.	Fem.	Tot.	Abs.	Prof.	Lett.	Tot.	De'th	Dism	Exc.	Tot.	Adu'l	Inf'nt				
Guildhall	Apr. 19, 1799	Vacant,	.....	42	....	22	46	68	28	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	....	....	....	....	.....	.....
Lunenburgh	Dec. 27, 1802	L. W. Harris,	A. P.	18..	1870	44	72	116	26	2	...	2	2	2	...	4	....	....	120	....	.....	.....
Granby & No. Victory	June 8, 1828	Joshua Eaton,	A. P.	Dec. 1, 1841	1868	18	27	45	45	1	1	2	...	1	...	1	....	....	63	51	$70 52	.....
3		2 A. P.				84	145	229	59	3	1	4	2	3	0	5	0	9	183	....	$70 52	.....

Minister without charge—Jeremiah Glines, Lunenburgh.

Register of Conference—Rev. Joshua Eaton.

5. FRANKLIN AND GRAND ISLE CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. HERMAN C. RIGGS.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min. Com'cted.	Church Memb'rs				Admitted.			Removed.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath Schools.	Average Congreg.	Benev'nt Contrib.	Estima'd Value of Church Property
						Male.	Fem.	Tot.	Abs.	Prof.	Lett.	Tot.	De'th	Dism	Exc.	Tot.	Ad'lt	Inf'nt				
Alburgh	Feb. 18, 1824	Calvin B. Cady,	A. P.	1838	1851	15	33	48	5	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	64	150	$88 47	.....
Bakersfield	July 3, 1811	George F. Wright,	P.	Aug 26, 1863	1862	44	80	124	21	1	1	2	2	3	0	5	1	2	135	120	331 83	$7,500
Berkshire E.	July 15, 1820	Elias W. Hatch,	P.	Sept. 25, 1866	1866	19	28	47	5	2	1	3	0	4	0	4	1	2	111	70	48 00	3,500
Enosburgh	Oct. 11, 1811	Alfred B. Swift,	A. P.	Jan. 7, 1835	1861	52	74	126	28	6	1	7	6	11	0	17	4	3	150	110	333 15	10,000
Fairfield	Sept. 22, 1800	Daniel Wild,	A. P.	July 1, 1830	1867	12	21	33	2	7	0	7	2	0	0	2	6	1	55	55	190 00	5,000
Franklin	Oct. 9, 1817	Joseph R. Munsill,	A. P.	.....	1868	13	27	40	3	0	0	0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	57	75	75 00	.....
Georgia	Nov. 7, 1793	Charles C. Torrey,	P.	Sept. 5, 1855	1868	27	55	82	7	2	2	4	4	2	0	6	1	1	80	120	127 00	6,000
Highgate	Oct. 28, 1811	Elam J. Comings,	A. P.	Sept, 1841	1867	20	42	62	4	4	2	6	3	2	0	5	0	0	125	115	54 00	3,000
Montgomery	July 15, 1817	Sewall Paine,	P.	Feb. 22, 1843	1843	18	33	51	8	0	0	0	2	0	1	3	0	0	94	44	7 40	.....
North Hero*	Nov. 18, 1806	Vacant,	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sheldon	Aug. 1816	Amos J. Samson,	A. P.	Feb. 15, 1843	1869	19	31	50	12	0	0	0	2	1	0	3	0	0	80	75	200 00	8,000
St. Albans 1st	Jan. 2, 1803	Herman C. Riggs,	P.	May 1857	1868	80	161	241	26	6	7	13	3	6	0	9	5	6	210	400	4,232 24	30,000
St. Albans 2d	May 26, 1841	D. B. Bradford,	A. P.	June 13, 1838	1871	18	28	46	11	5	3	8	0	0	0	0	4	3	39	75	.....	5,000
Swanton	Jan. 4, 1800	Eugene J. Ranslow,	A. P.	June 23, 1869	1869	44	91	135	27	7	3	10	3	5	0	8	3	2	173	141	223 00	16,000
14		5 Pastors, 8 A. P.				381	704	1085	159	42	22	64	27	34	1	62	25	20	1373	1550	$5,910 00	$94,000

* This church is now probably extinct.

Minister without charge—Lyndon S. French, Franklin.

Register of Conference—Rev. C. C. Torrey, Georgia. *Time of meeting of Conference*—First Tuesday of June.

6. LAMOILLE CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. J. G. BAILEY.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors of Act. Pas.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min Con'ced	Church Memb'rs				Admitted.			Removed.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath Schools.	Average Congreg.	Benev'nt Contrib.	Estima'd Value of Church Property
						Male.	Fem.	Tot.	Abs.	Prof.	Lett.	Tot.	De'th	Dism	Exc.	Tot.	Adu't	Inf'nt				
Cambridge	Feb. 18, 1792	Edwin Wheelock,	P.	Jan. 23, 1856	1856	15	21	36	....	0	1	1	1	2	0	3	0	0	....	125	.....	.....
Eden	July 3, 1812	Vacant,	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hydepark	July 15, 1863	J. G. Bailey,	P.	Feb. 24, 1864	1862	8	22	30	4	2	1	3	0	1	0	1	1	0	90	75	$30 00	$200
North Hydepark	Oct. 11, 1858	Vacant,	.....	.....	.....	9	25	34	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	....	....	.....	2,000
Johnson	Sept. 22, 1817	B. B. Ward,	A. P.	.....	1871	40	82	122	29	0	0	0	2	3	0	5	0	0	104	150	82 42	4,000
Morristown	Oct. 9, 1807	D. W. Hadley,	A. P.	.....	1870	25	66	91	19	0	0	0	3	1	0	4	0	0	125	130	53 00	2,500
Waterville	Nov. 7, 1823	Vacant,	.....	.....	....	5	13	18	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	70	100	100 00	1,000
Wolcott	Oct. 28, 1818	Horace Herrick,	A. P.	Sept. 1844	1856	15	36	51	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	65	70	18 00	1,966
Stowe	July 15, 1818	Benj. F. Perkins,	A. P.	1865	1870	30	68	98	19	3	3	6	3	3	0	9	1	0	133	182	142 76	4,000
9		2 Pastors, 4 A. P.				147	333	480	98	5	5	10	11	11	0	22	2	0	587	822	$425 38	$17,776

Minister without charge—James Dougherty, D. D. *Deceased*—John Gleed.

Register of Conference—Rev. James Dougherty, D. D., Johnson.

Time of meeting of Conference—First Tuesday in June.

7. ORANGE CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. J. K. WILLIAMS.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min Con'ced.	Church Memb'rs				Admitted.			Removed.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath Schools.	Average Congreg.	Benev'nt Contrib.	Estima'd Value of Church Property
						Male.	Fem.	Tot.	Abs.	Prof.	Lett.	Tot.	De'th	Dism	Exc.	Tot.	Ad'lt	Inf'nt				
Bradford	June 29, 1818	John K. Williams,	P.	Nov. 22, 1856	1866	35	117	152	22	3	10	13	4	3	0	7	3	0	137	165	$280 00	$9,500
Braintree	Dec. 25, 1794	Ammi Nichols,	A. P.	Sept. 23, 1807	1807	19	19	35	6	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	30	80	25 00	.....
Brookfield 1st	Sept. 23, 1785	Daniel Wild,	P.	.....	....	25	44	69	14	0	2	2	6	0	0	6	0	0	75	90	15 00	.....
Brookfield 2d	Nov. 16, 1848	Wm. A. Bushee,	P.	Aug. 19, 1869	1868	26	36	62	15	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	130	120	38 25	3,500
Chelsea	Apr. 10, 1789	E. E. Herrick,	P.	Feb. 24, 1864	1870	65	117	182	8	14	7	21	3	3	0	6	13	2	160	175	181 25	8,000
Corinth	Oct. 10, 1820	Caleb M. Winch,	A. P.	June 29, 1863	1869	32	76	108	38	3	4	7	4	9	0	7	2	0	150	150	56 66	2,500
Fairlee	Feb. 28, 1833	Silas McKeen, D. D.	A. P.	Oct. 28, 1815	1866	15	39	54	10	1	0	1	3	3	0	6	1	0	90	100	40 00	.....
Fairlee West	Dec. 9, 1809	Solon Martin,	A. P.	June 16, 1835	1866	34	67	101	21	0	0	0	4	1	0	5	0	1	70	100	50 00	3,000
Newbury	1764	A. T. Deming,	A. P.	June 11, 1863	1870	37	108	145	30	1	1	2	4	6	...	10	0	4	150	200	682 66	7,000
Newbury West	Feb. 13, 1867	R. Dexter Miller,	A. P.	July 2, 1856	1870	14	30	44	0	1	5	6	0	2	1	3	0	2	125	125	58 52	.....
Post Mills	Feb. 26, 1839	Vacant,	.....	.....	....	26	60	86	9	1	5	6	2	3	0	5	1	8	75	....	50 40	1,000
Randolph	May 30, 1786	Vacant,	.....	.....	....	39	63	102	18	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	....	120	.....	4,500
Randolph West	Oct. 21, 1821	Samuel W. Dike,	P.	Feb. 3, 1869	1868	54	104	158	51	1	2	3	4	2	0	6	1	1	156	140	244 53	12,000
Strafford	Nov. 1819	Vacant,	.....	.....	....	11	21	32	8	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	30	50	25 00	.....
Thetford	1773	Richard T. Searle,	P.	May 8, 1845	1868	72	133	205	28	10	6	16	2	0	0	2	3	1	170	180	459 85	6,000
Tunbridge	Feb. 5, 1792	O. S. Morris,	A. P.	July 9, 1848	1868	17	23	40	6	7	0	7	0	2	0	2	4	0	80	80	25 00	3,700
Vershire	July 14, 1787	Vacant,	.....	.....	....	18	35	53	13	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	....	.....	.....
Washington	1800	Vacant,	.....	.....	....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....
Wells River	June 13, 1842	Wm. S. Palmer,	P.	Feb. 19, 1862	1862	43	100	159	22	10	5	15	2	10	0	12	9	2	270	225	400 00	8 000
Williamstown	Aug. 13, 1795	Vacant,	.....	.....	....	19	63	82	20	0	5	5	4	8	0	12	0	1	80	85	.....	5,000
20		7 Pastors, 7 A. P.				608	1265	1873	339	52	52	104	50	48	1	99	37	22	1978	2185	$2,632 12	$73,700

Ministers without charge—Joseph Fuller, Vershire ; Joseph Marsh, Thetford.

Register of Conference—Rev. William S. Palmer. *Time of meeting of Conference*—June 6th and 7th.

8. ORLEANS CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. AZEL W. WILD.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min Con'ced.	Church Memb'rs				Admitted.			Removed.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath Schools.	Average Contrib.	Benev'nt Contrib.	Estima'd Value of Church Property
						Male.	Fem.	Tot.	Abs.	Prof.	Lett.	Tot.	De'th	Dism	Exc.	Tot	Ad'lt	Inf'nt				
Albany	Aug. 16, 1818	.....	.....	.....	....	18	24	42	2	7	6	13	0	2	0	2	7	0	70	90	$18 00	$3,000
Barton	Sept. 24, 1817	Vacant,	.....	.....	....	32	69	101	20	5	3	8	0	4	0	4	3	0	152	130	220 00	5,500
Brighton	Sept. 1, 1841	John C. Houghton,	A. P.	Jan. 15, 1868	1860	7	12	19	6	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	2	0	100	100	25 00	2,500
Brownington	March 4, 1869	Israel T. Otis,	A. P.	June 10, 1835	1869	23	44	67	9	1	0	1	2	2	0	4	0	1	60	75	60 00	3,000
Charleston West.	May 14, 1844	A. C. Childs,	P.	May 18, 1853	1868	17	50	67	8	3	5	8	1	0	0	1	2	4	100	115	147 10	3,500
Coventry	Oct. 2, 1810	F. W. Dickinson,	A. P.	June 17, 1868	1870	44	92	136	12	4	5	9	5	3	0	8	3	1	210	170	150 00	9,000
Craftsbury	July 4, 1797	Edward P. Wild,	P.	Oct. 11, 1865	1865	53	103	156	12	20	7	27	1	5	0	6	13	8	181	130	247 37	4,650
Derby	Aug. 9, 1807	John Rogers,	A. P.	.....	1868	42	67	109	14	26	1	27	1	2	0	3	23	7	100	100	100 00	4,500
Glover	July 12, 1817	Sidney K. B. Perkins,	P.	Jan. 11, 1860	1858	25	54	79	15	3	0	3	2	1	0	3	1	5	150	140	65 00	5,750
Greensboro	Nov. 24, 1804	Azel W. Wild,	P.	Oct. 26, 1864	1864	33	56	89	16	7	2	9	1	7	0	8	3	2	173	106	128 36	5,000
Holland	Nov. 30, 1842	Jabez T. Howard, / T. E. Ranney,	P. / A. P.	Jan. 19, 1841 / May 1, 1844	1844 / 1867	2	13	15	8	1	1	2	1	2	0	3	0	0	30	50	19 00	1,000
Irasburgh	Jan. 28, 1818	Azro A. Smith,	A. P.	Feb. 11, 1864	1870	30	38	68	13	0	1	1	2	10	0	12	0	0	....	....	0 00	1,000
Lowell	Jan. 10, 1816	Frederick B. Phelps,	P.	Oct. 18, 1870	1870	21	31	52	3	4	2	6	1	1	0	2	3	0	120	90	.....	3,000
Morgan	June 4, 1823	Jacob S. Clark,	P.	Jan. 11, 1827	1826	12	24	36	12	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	75	125	.....	.....
Newport	Feb. 23, 1831	W. C. Somerville,	A. P.	Oct. 1851	1871	42	68	110	35	5	7	12	1	7	1	9	4	3	100	140	125 00	4,000
Troy	Jan. 23, 1845	Vacant,	.....	.....	....	4	11	15	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	50	50	5 00	2,000
Troy North	Feb. 5, 1818	David Connell,	A. P.	Oct. 20, 1842	1869	13	40	53	3	0	2	2	3	0	0	3	0	0	60	90	8 00	3,000
Westfield	Apr. 19, 1818	Vacant,	.....	.....	....	22	38	60	10	0	1	1	1	4	1	6	0	1	75	70	20 00	1,200
18		7 Pastors, 8 A. P.				440	834	1274	198	88	45	133	23	52	2	77	64	32	1786	1771	$1,343 83	$61,600

Ministers without charge—R. V. Hall, Newport; Samuel Read Hall, LL. D., Brownington; George Stone, North Troy.

Ordained—Frederic B. Phelps, Lowell, October 18, 1870.

Deceased—Asahel Reed Gray, Coventry, August 18, 1870.

Dismissed—Azro A. Smith, Lowell, October 18, 1870; George H. Bailey, Newport, April 25, 1871; William A. Robinson, Barton, April 26, 1871.

Register of Conference—Rev. George H. Bailey. *Time of meeting of Conference*—Second week in June.

9. RUTLAND AND BENNINGTON CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. P. S. PRATT.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas.	ORDAINED.	Pres Min Con'ced.	Church Memb'rs				Admitted.			Removed.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath Schools.	Average Congreg	Benev'nt Contrib.	Estima'd Value of Church Property
						Male.	Fem.	Tot.	Abs.	Prof.	Lett.	Tot.	Deth	Dism	Exc.	Tot.	Ad'lt	Infnt				
Arlington East....	Nov. 2, 1843	Charles Redfield,	A. P.	1859	1868	14	35	49	13	1	1	2	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	1	0	0	65	70	$19 00	$5,000
Bennington 1st....	Dec. 3, 1762	Isaac Jennings,	P.	June 14, 1843	1853	46	127	173	....	1	4	5	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	13	1	6	144	125	448 48	.....
Bennington 2d....	Apr. 27, 1836	C. H. Hubbard,	A. P.	Feb. 1848	1851	48	118	166	14	6	1	7	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	0	6	4	200	300	577 92	.....
Bennington North	May 21, 1868	Henry C. Weston,	P.	Oct. 13, 1869	1869	13	24	37	5	2	5	7	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	6	2	1	140	130	53 45	.....
Benson.....	1790	Henry M. Holmes,	P.	May 10, 1866	1769	62	106	168	27	10	1	11	[illegible]	2	1	13	7	6	140	175	118 63	20,000
Brandon.....	Sept. 23, 1785	Franklin Tuxbury,	P.	July 15, 1857	1865	69	134	203	32	1	2	3	6	2	0	8	1	3	149	175	321 46	20,000
Castleton.....	1784	Lewis Francis,	P.	.....	1864	53	118	171	45	3	3	6	6	6	0	12	3	1	130	180	328 06	.....
Chittenden.....	June 1834	Vacant,	.....	.....	....	2	5	7	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	....	....	.....	.....
Clarendon.....	Feb. 18, 1822	William T. Herrick,	P.	May 28, 1851	1861	33	44	77	12	4	0	4	1	0	0	1	4	0	110	107	305 58	5,500
Danby.....	Nov. 4, 1869	James P. Stone,	A. P.	Oct. 16, 1839	1869	7	15	22	3	5	3	8	1	0	0	1	5	0	85	65	44 00	2,500
Dorset.....	Sept. 22, 1784	Parsons S. Pratt,	P.	Sept. 29, 1847	1856	36	77	113	15	2	2	4	2	0	0	2	0	2	166	160	292 75	7,000
Dorset East.....	Oct. 1, 1867	W. W. Foster, Meth.	.....	.....	1870	2	6	8	1	0	0	0	0	6	0	6	0	0	74	100	50 00	.....
Fair Haven.....	Jan. 2, 1802	Sidney Crawford,	A. P.	Dec. 8, 1870	1870	23	53	76	3	0	4	4	1	0	0	1	0	0	100	125	75 00	8,000
Hubbardton.....	1782	Calvin Granger,	A. P.	Aug. 6, 1834	1864	20	33	53	3	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	80	75	52 01	4,000
Manchester.....	1784	Rufus S. Cushman,	P.	Dec. 1843	1862	67	121	188	21	1	2	3	6	17	0	23	1	3	175	250	229 24	18,000
Middletown.....	1780	Osborne Myrick,	A. P.	Feb. 18, 1846	1869	17	34	51	17	4	1	5	2	0	0	2	3	0	144	100	95 00	7,500
Pawlet.....	1781	John P. Demeritt,	A. P.	May 31, 1870	1871	19	58	77	11	0	0	0	2	4	0	6	0	0	125	150	0 00	7 000
Pittsford.....	1784	Russell T. Hall,	P.	Sept. 8, 1870	1870	75	114	189	30	2	2	4	3	7	0	10	2	0	200	220	479 05	15,000
Poultney.....	1780	Ovid Miner,	A. P.	1836	1869	40	72	112	20	0	3	3	0	4	0	4	0	1	55	100	50 00	6,000
Pownal.....	.....	Sup. by Methodist.	.....	.....	....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....
Rupert.....	June 6, 1786	Joseph Garland,	A. P.	June 21, 1848	1870	28	59	87	4	0	0	0	2	2	0	4	0	0	100	70	0 00	7,000
Rutland.....	Oct. 5, 1788	J. Gibson Johnson,	P.	Dec. 27, 1866	1870	147	328	475	100	29	19	48	9	16	0	25	18	6	470	500	1,323 80	40,000
Rutland West.....	Oct. 13, 1773	James K. Bourne,	P.	1859	1869	75	126	201	20	0	0	0	4	2	0	6	0	4	275	250	558 15	18,000
Sandgate.....	1782	Sup. by Methodist.	.....	.....	....	4	6	10	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	....	50	.....	4,000
Sudbury:.....	1791	Henry T. Rustedt,	A. P.	1841	1859	13	25	38	6	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	50	60	0 00	.....
Tinmouth.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	....	....	.....	.....
Wallingford.....	1792	Aldace Walker,	P.	Dec. 30, 1840	1862	31	85	116	19	5	1	6	2	1	0	3	3	2	150	153	455 00	6,000
West Haven.....	1815	.....	.....	.....	....	6	4	10	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	....	....	20 00	.....
28		12 Pastors, 10 A. P.				950	1927	2877	427	79	55	134	65	84	1	150	57	40	3327	3690	$5,896 58	$200,500

Ministers without charge—Harvey O. Higley, Ulric Maynard, R. G. Williams, Castleton; Stephen Williams, Clarendon; J. D. Wickham, D. D., Lewis A. Austin, Manchester; James Anderson, Cleveland, O.; J. W. Brown, Westboro, Mass.; Lucius L. Tilden, Solomon P. Giddings, Washington, D. C.

Ordained—Russell T. Hall, Pittsford, September 8, 1870; Sidney Crawford, Fairhaven, December 8, 1870.

Installed—Henry M. Holmes, Benson, June 28, 1870.—*Deceased*—Charles Walker, D. D., Binghamton, N. Y., Nov. 28, 1870; Richard C. Hand, Brooklyn, N. Y., July 28, 1870; Frederick Hicks, Bennington, Feb. 24, 1871.

Register of Conference—Rev. P. S. Pratt. *Time of meeting of Conference*—First Tuesday in June.

10. WASHINGTON CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. WILLIAM S. HAZEN.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min Com'ced.	Church Memb'rs				Admitted.			Removed.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath Schools.	Average Congreg.	Benev'nt Contrib	Estima'd Value of Church Property
						Male.	Fem.	Tot.	Abs.	Prof.	Let.	Tot.	De'th	Dism	Exc.	Tot.	Ad'lt	Inf'nt				
Barre	Nov. 14, 1799	Leonard Tenney,	A. P.	Mar. 19, 1845	1868	48	114	162	44	15	0	15	2	5	0	7	12	0	150	160	$228 57	
Berlin	Oct. 17, 1788	Edwin Seabury,	A. P.	June 1840	1870	25	56	81	28	0	2	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	145	100		
Berlin West	Feb. 16, 1865	John F. Stone,	A. P.	Jan. 21, 1829	1864	6	12	18	1	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	85	55	96 20	
Duxbury	Jan. 18, 1836	Vacant,				9	12	21	13	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	30	65		
Marshfield	May 18, 1825	Nelson F. Cobleigh,			1870	8	21	29	2	5	11	16	0	0	0	0	0	2	36	100	58 00	
Montpelier	July 20, 1808	Wm. H. Lord, D. D.	P.	Sept. 21, 1847	1847	161	273	434	160	3	7	10	0	4	0	4	0	4	340	400	812 00	70,000
Northfield	May 27, 1822	Wm. S. Hazen,	P.	Oct. 12, 1864	1863	42	78	120	28	7	3	10	1	1	0	2	5	6	152	125	188 43	7,000
Plainfield	Jan. 5, 1826	Horace Pratt,	A. P.	Mar. 1849	1868	12	27	39	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	65	21 00	2,000
Roxbury	Mar. 1864	Alden Ladd,	P.	Feb. 15, 1865	1863	15	36	51	5	2	0	2	1	0	0	1	2	0	50	70	0 00	3,000
Waitsfield	June 27, 1796	James H. Babbitt,	P.	Sept. 10, 1868	1868	42	84	126	25	2	1	3	3	2	1	6	1	3	150	113	191 65	8,000
Warren		Vacant,																				
Waterbury	July 10, 1801	Jona. Copeland,	A. P.	Nov. 14, 1843	1867	55	111	166	18	1	4	5	5	5	0	10	1	1	150	175	261 75	8,000
Worcester	Feb. 28, 1824	Amos F. Shattuck,	A. P.	June 3, 1868	1870	10	39	49	11	2	0	2	1	1	0	2	2	2	50	65	11 35	1,200
13		4 Pastors, 6 A. P.				433	863	1296	340	41	28	69	15	19	1	35	23	18	1388	1493	$1,868 95	$99,200

Ministers without charge—Charles S. Smith, Secretary of Vermont Domestic Missionary Society.

Licentiate—Nelson F. Cobleigh.

Register of Conference—Alden Ladd.

Time of meeting of Conference—Second Tuesday in June.

11. WINDHAM CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. F. J. Fairbanks.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min Com'ced.	Church Memb'rs Male.	Fem.	Tot.	Abs.	Admitted. Prof.	Left.	Tot.	Removed. De'th	Dism	Exc.	Tot.	Bapt'ms Adu't	Inf'nt	Sabbath Schools.	Average Congreg.	Benev'nt Contrib.	Estima'd Value of Church Property
Bellows Falls.....	Aug. 9, 1850	Cyrus Hamlin,	P.	Oct. 29, 1868	1868	21	42	63	14	12	4	16	0	4	0	4	8	2	100	90	1$6 90	$6,000
Brattleboro West.	1770	Joseph Chandler.	P.	Apr. 23, 1846	1845	52	94	146	15	0	5	5	3	4	0	7	0	2	102	175	345 00	5,000
Brattleboro East..	July 15, 1816	Nathaniel Mighill,	P.	Sept. 29, 1864	1867	78	197	284	53	3	2	5	1	8	0	9	2	6	260	300	1,604 51	30,000
Cambridgeport ...	Apr. 16, 1868	J. C. McCollom,	P.	Mar. 23, 1869	1867	22	27	49	3	2	3	5	0	0	0	0	2	2	95	115	50 00	1,500
Dover West.....	Jan. 17, 1869	S. H. Amsden,	A. P.	June 12, 1856	1870	13	17	30	4	11	3	14	0	0	0	0	11	0	75	120	21 00	4,000
Dummerston	Aug. 18, 1779	L. G. Chase,	P.	Aug. 24, 1870	1870	32	82	114	32	4	3	7	0	0	0	0	3	0	100	115	120 11	3,000
Fayetteville	June 30, 1774	David Shurtleff,	A. P.	.....	1869	18	44	62	5	2	2	4	2	5	1	8	2	0	90	150	121 29	3,000
Grafton	June 20, 1785	Earl J. Ward,	P.	Mar. 11, 1868	1868	38	62	100	33	0	0	0	7	0	0	7	0	2	100	....	115 92	5,000
Guilford	1768	Vacant,	.....	.....	....	3	9	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 00	.....
Halifax West.....	July 24, 1778	Vacant,	.....	.....	....	5	10	15	9	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 00	.....
Jamaica	Sept. 25, 1791	Vacant,	.....	.....	....	12	22	34	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 00	.....
Londonderry So..	Aug. 25, 1809	Vacant,	.....	.....	....	10	13	23	....	0	0	0	8	...	...	8	0	0	0	0	0 00	600
Londonderry No..	Aug. 19, 1868	Vacant,	.....	.....	....	8	21	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 00	.....
Marlboro	Oct. 20, 1776	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	8	19	27	12	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	38	0	0 00	.....
Peru.....	Dec. 23, 1807	Asa F. Clark,	A. P.	Feb. 15, 1842	1868	33	86	119	19	4	0	4	2	5	0	7	3	3	130	140	73 00	2,800
Putney	Oct. 16, 1776	Amos Foster,	A. P.	Mar. 2, 1825	1866	26	70	96	20	0	0	0	3	2	0	5	0	0	135	150	118 98	6,000
Saxton's River....	Jan. 1, 1825	John G. Wilson,	P.	Dec. 12, 1851	1869	36	66	102	41	1	1	1	2	0	0	2	1	0	60	90	44 30	4,000
Stratton.....	Aug. 30, 1801	Vacant,	.....	.....	....	5	15	20	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 00	.....
Townshend East..	1792	F. W. Olmstead,	A. P.	July 1848	1870	45	60	105	7	0	1	1	2	2	0	4	0	2	150	150	142 50	8,000
Townshend West.	Oct. 8, 1850	Vacant,	.....	.....	....	8	40	48	16	0	0	0	2	2	0	4	0	0	60	70	.....	3,000
Wardsboro.....	Mar. 9, 1843	Wm. C. Bowen,	A. P.	.....	1871	14	28	42	14	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	60	80	8 00	.....
Westminster E....	June 11, 1767	Vacant,	.....	.....	....	18	69	87	11	0	0	0	6	1	0	7	0	0	179	153	121 19	5,000
Westminster W...	Oct. 31, 1799	Alfred Stevens,	P.	Feb. 22, 1843	1843	53	98	151	23	0	0	0	2	2	0	4	0	2	120	130	263 00	5,000
Wilmington	July 4, 1855	A. C. Field,	A. P.	June 28, 1865	1871	27	56	83	22	15	2	17	4	5	0	9	11	2	63	....	.....	3,000
Windham	Sept. 9, 1805	Calvin Chapman,	A. P.	Dec. 8, 1842	1870	35	59	94	26	1	4	5	1	1	0	2	0	2	130	125	171 00	.....
25		8 Pastors, 8 A. P.				629	1126	1935	393	55	31	86	48	41	1	89	43	25	1984	2153	$3,381 70	$94,900

Ministers without charge—Lewis Grout, Agent American Missionary Association; J. W. Thyng, West Brattleboro.

Ordained—Levi G. Chase, Dummerston. *Dismissed*—Francis J. Fairbanks, Westminster East.

Register of Conference—Rev. F. J. Fairbanks. *Time of meeting of Conference*—First Wednesday in September.

12. WINDSOR CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. WILLIAM SEWALL.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min Com'ced.	Church Members				Admitted.			Removed.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath Schools.	Average Congreg.	Benev'nt Contrib.	Estima'd Value of Church Property
						Male.	Fem.	Tot.	Abs.	Prof.	Lett.	Tot.	De'th	Dism	Exc.	Tot.	Ad'lt	Inf'nt				
Barnard	May 15, 1782	No report.																				
Bethel	July 25, 1817	E. E. Lewis,	A. P.		1868	12	27	39	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	78	67	$48 55	$3,500
Bridgewater		No report.																				
Chester	Oct. 17, 1773	John G. Hale,	A. P.	Sept. 30, 1832	1869	45	99	144	25	4	6	10	3	4	0	7	1	0	190	153	174 63	6,000
Hartford	1786	Robert Southgate,	A. P.		1871	63	118	181	28	0	0	0	2	5	0	7	0	7	225	225	353 95	
Hartford West	June 3, 1830	Rezaleel Smith,	A. P.	May 13, 1828	1871	23	36	59	15	0	0	0	1	8	0	9	0	0	50	75	71 00	400
Hartland	Sept. 6, 1799	J. Q. Bittinger,	A. P.	Oct. 25, 1860	1869																	
Ludlow	Sept. 25, 1806	Philander Bates,	A. P.	Feb. 20, 1840	1871	20	53	73	12	0	0	0	3	5	0	8	0	0	90	80	22 27	4,000
Norwich	June 15, 1819	William Sewall,	P.	May 2, 1855	1865	78	140	218	42	5	0	5	8	5	0	13	2	1	220	206	450 00	8,000
Pittsfield	Sept. 17, 1803	Josiah B. Clark,	A. P.		1869	28	46	74	30	0	0	0	3	1	0	4	0	0	40	60	25 00	2,000
Plymouth	Sept. 9, 1802	Thomas Baldwin,	A. P.	June 24, 1836	1845	7	13	20	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	...	0	0	....	....	10 00	
Pomfret	Jan. 8, 1783	Vacant,				12	33	45	6	0	0	0	3	2	0	5	0	0				
Quechee	Jan. 13, 1831	J. Clement, D. D.,	A. P.	Oct. 13, 1830	1869	9	30	39	6	4	1	5	0	0	0	0	3	0	75	80		3,000
Rochester	Sept. 11, 1801	Thos. S. Hubbard,	A. P.	June 1839	1868	30	66	96	18	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	93	110	70 00	
Royalton	1777	{ C. B. Drake, D. D. { James Caldwell,	P. A. P.	Oct. 12, 1837	1868	49	86	135	47	0	1	1	5	0	0	5	0	1	55	125	97 75	
Royalton South	Jan. 16, 1868	Vacant.																				
Sharon	Sept. 11, 1782	George H. White.	A. P.	Nov. 3, 1856	1870	25	50	75	5	12	6	18	2	0	0	2	10	1	100	100	105 50	4,000
Springfield	Oct. 3, 1781	L. Henry Cobb,	P.	Oct. 28, 1867	1867	120	253	373	35	10	7	17	5	1	2	8	11	3	351	334	4288 44	25,000
Stockbridge	Oct. 8, 1827	Charles W. Clark,	A. P.	Jan. 13, 1861	1871	24	50	74	12	2	0	2	1	0	0	1	0	1	91	75	38 30	6,000
Weathersfield	1775	Joseph B. Baldwin,	A. P.	Oct. 15, 1832	1869	32	73	105	52	1	1	2	2	6	0	3	1	1	80	60	41 00	5,000
Weathersfield E.	Apr. 11, 1838	Sidney Holman,	A. P.	Jan. 8, 1822	1871	9	20	29	4	0	0	0	0	7	1	8	0	0	60	70	28 55	2,000
Ascutneyville	Dec. 15, 1869	Franklin Butler,	A. P.		1869	18	9	27	0	2	4	6	1	0	0	1	1	0	....	80	185 00	
Weston	Sept. 4, 1799	Vacant,				12	27	39	11	0	0	0	2	2	0	4	0	0	....	85	32 00	2,000
Windsor	Sept. 21, 1768	Silas P. Cook,	P.	June 24, 1869	1870	62	123	185	47	5	4	9	4	9	0	13	3	4	192	150	375 37	
Woodstock	Dec. 26, 1781	A. B. Dascomb,	P.	Jan. 16 1862	1867	71	146	217	12	2	3	5	5	4	0	9	0	3	146	230	1,229 12	15,000
25		5 Pastors, 16 A. P.				749	1398	2147	427	47	33	80	52	54	3	109	39	22	2176	2358	$7,646 43	$86 200

Minister without charge—E. I. Carpenter, Secretary of the Vermont Bible Society.

Deceased—Nelson Bishop. *Dismissed*—B. F. Ray.

Register of Conference—Rev. S. P. Cook, Windsor. *Time of meeting of Conference*—First Tuesday in June.

SUMMARY.

CONFERENCES.	ANNUAL MEETING.	REGISTER.	Pastors.	Acting Pastors.	Churches.	Church Members.		Admitted.			Removed.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath Schools.	Average Congreg.	Benev. Contrib'ns.	Estimated Value of Church Property.
						Total.	Absent.	Profession.	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dismission.	Exclusion.	Total.	Adult.	Infant.				
Addison	2d Tuesday in June	H. F. Leavitt	6	5	14	1813	267	55	15	70	22	28	1	51	25	5	1666	1655	$2,712 77	$109,026
Caledonia	2d Tuesday in June	P. B. Fisk	7	5	14	1824	370	90	57	147	31	48	0	79	57	35	2326	2210	10,294 59	79,700
Chittenden			7	6	18	1473	242	46	37	83	20	40	2	62	29	14	1899	1985	2,989 54	207,500
Essex	2d Tuesday in June	Joshua Eaton	0	2	3	229	69	3	1	4	2	3	0	5	0	0	183	51	70 52	.....
Franklin & Grand Isle	1st Tuesday in June	Charles C. Torrey	5	8	14	1085	159	42	22	64	27	34	1	62	25	20	1373	1550	5,910 09	94,000
Lamoille	1st Tuesday in June	James Dougherty	2	4	9	480	98	5	5	10	11	11	0	22	2	0	567	822	425 38	17,766
Orange	1st Tuesday in June	William S. Palmer	7	7	20	1873	339	52	52	104	50	48	1	99	37	22	1978	2183	2,632 12	73,700
Orleans	2d Week in June	G. H. Bailey	7	8	18	1232	196	81	39	120	23	50	2	75	57	32	1716	1681	1,225 83	58,600
Rutland & Bennington	1st Tuesday in June	P. S. Pratt	12	10	28	2877	427	79	55	134	65	84	1	150	57	40	3327	3690	5,896 58	200,500
Washington	2d Tuesday in June	Alden Ladd	4	6	13	1296	340	41	28	69	15	19	1	35	23	18	1888	1493	1,868 96	99,200
Windham	1st Wed'day in Sept.	F. J. Fairbanks	8	8	25	1935	393	55	31	86	48	41	0	89	43	25	1984	2153	3,381 70	94,940
Windsor	1st Tuesday in June	S. P. Cook	5	15	25	2147	437	47	33	80	52	54	3	109	39	22	2176	2358	7,646 43	86,200
12			70	84	201	18264	3317	596	375	971	366	460	12	838	394	233	20603	21782	$45,104 50	$1,121,092

CONFERENCES OF CHURCHES.

CONFERENCE.	REGISTER.	TIME.
Addison.....	Rev. H. F. Leavitt.....	2d Tuesday in June.
Caledonia.....	Rev. Perrin B. Fisk.....	2d Tuesday in June.
Chittenden	Rev. George B. Safford..	2d Tuesday in June.
Essex.....	Rev. Joshua Eaton.....	2d Tuesday in June.
Franklin and Grand Isle	Rev. C. C. Torrey.....	1st Tuesday in June.
Lamoille.....	Rev. J. Dougherty, D. D.	1st Tuesday in June.
Orange.....	Rev. Wm. S. Palmer....	1st Tuesday in June.
Orleans.....	Rev. George H. Bailey...	2d Tuesday in June.
Rutland and Bennington	Rev. P. S. Pratt.....	1st Tuesday in June.
Washington....	Rev. Alden Ladd.....	2d Tuesday in June.
Windham.....	Rev. F. J. Fairbanks....	1st Wednesday in Sept.
Windsor.....	Rev. S. P. Cook.....	1st Tuesday in June.

MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATIONS.

It was thought best not to print a list of the members of the Associations from the fact that, in respect to several of the Associations, no correct list was furnished. In some cases the names of all the ministers in the bounds of the Association were sent without regard to whether they were actual members of that Association or not. C. S. S.

VERMONT DOMESTIC

MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

MINUTES OF THE FIFTY-THIRD ANNUAL MEETING.

The fifty-third anniversary of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society, was held at Springfield, on Wednesday, June 21, 1871.

The Society was called to order by the Secretary, Rev. C. S. Smith.

In the absence of the President, Hon. Julius Converse was chosen President *pro tem*, and Rev. M. L. Severance, Recording Secretary *pro tem*.

After singing, and prayer by Rev. C. C. Parker, D. D., the Rev. Isaac Jennings, Rev. Joseph Torrey and Bro. J. G. Stimson were appointed a committee to nominate officers for the ensuing year.

The Treasurer's report was read and accepted. The following is a summary of it:

Balance on hand at the beginning of the year..	$441.09
Receipts during the year.....	11,954.77
Total.....	$12,395.86
Disbursements.....	9,928.20
Balance now on hand.....	$2,467.66

The Director's report was read by the Secretary, Rev. C. S. Smith.

On motion of Rev. L. H. Cobb, and urged by remarks by himself and others, the report was accepted and adopted and ordered to be printed.

The Committee on Nomination reported the following list of officers for the ensuing year, who were elected.

President—J. W. HICKOK, Esq.

Vice Presidents—Hon. E. P. WALTON, Hon. JOHN B. PAGE, CHARLES DANA, Esq.

Corresponding Secretary—REV. C. S. SMITH.

Recording Secretary—REV. LEONARD TENNEY.

Directors—Rev. H. F. LEAVITT, Rev. W. H. LORD, D. D., THADDEUS FAIRBANKS, Esq., J. G. STIMSON, Esq., Rev. C. E. FERRIN, Rev. JOSEPH CHANDLER, Rev. W. S. HAZEN, Rev. LEWIS FRANCIS, Rev. H. C. RIGGS, Rev. W. S. PALMER, Rev. L. H. COBB, Rev. A. W. WILD.

Treasurer—C. W. STORRS, Esq.

Auditor—Hon. JOHN A. PAGE.

Closing prayer by Rev. D. M. Loomis, of New York.

The Society then adjourned.

M. L. SEVERANCE,
Recording Secretary.

FIFTY-THIRD ANNUAL REPORT.

Time, in his onward march, has brought us to our fifty-third anniversary. Some, who commenced the year with us, have passed beyond the influences and changes of revolving years, beyond the labors and conflicts of this militant state, to join the company of the redeemed above.

At the very beginning of the year, Rev. ASAHEL R. GRAY, in obedience to the Master's call, laid down his armor and finished his course. For some years past he labored with the feeble churches in Orleans county. At the time of his death he was ministering to the church in Morgan. He was esteemed as a consistent, evangelical and worthy minister of our Lord.

We miss, from our annual gathering to-day, the manly and dignified form of one of the fathers, who was trained to usefulnessand the service of God, in one of our smaller churches, was a life-long friend of this society, served for nineteen years on its board of directors, was for two years its corresponding secretary, and never failed, during a ministry of about forty years in the State, to secure from the churches to which he ministered, an annual collection for Domestic Missions.

Dr. CHARLES WALKER, ripe in years—ripe in the fruits of a long and faithful Christian ministry, has gone to his reward.

As we meet in our annual assemblies we shall no more hear the sound of his gentle voice, supplicating blessings upon our work or speaking words of counsel and encouragement; but the savor

of his life will long live in our churches, and he will be remembered by us as a noble Christian minister of the olden time, whose well-rounded Christian character won for him the respect and love of all who knew him.

As our year closes, the tidings come to us of the death of Dea. FREEMAN KEYES, a child of one of the feeblest churches in the State — a donation from that church to bless and enrich the church in Newbury. His life was worthy of his missionary training. He was an earnest Christian and a warm friend of the feeble churches. He used the office of a deacon well, and purchased for himself a good degree. May our missionary churches train up and furnish to the world many such men!

TREASURY.

The total receipts of the year, including $441.09 which were in the treasury at its beginning, have been $12,395.86. This is nearly $3,000 more than were reported the year previous. While there has been a very commendable increase in the amount of donations and collections from churches, the principal increase has been from two sources. First, a thousand dollars which appears in the footings this year, consists of a donation and legacy which was intended for last year's account, but was received too late to appear in the report. Second, the amount received from legacies, a part of which came in just at the close of the year, is unusually large, and, though it appears as a balance in the treasury, yet the most of it, by the conditions of the legacy, is to be added to the permanent funds of the society, and, therefore, is not available for current expenses.

There has been received from Cent Societies about the same as last year, viz: — $524.52.

For the Itinerant work there has been received in donations and legacies, including the thousand dollars intended for the previous year, the sum of $2,426.78. The cost of prosecuting this department has been $2,354.09, towards which the intinerant fields have contributed $1,159.05.

There has been acknowledged in the Home Missionary, as received into the treasury of the parent society during the year from Vermont, $1,716.57; making the total gifts for the home missionary work from the State during the year, $14,112.42.

STATISTICAL TABLES.

The following tables will be found to contain the principal statistics relating to the several aided churches and fields, occupied during the year in the Ordinary and Itinerant departments, with brief notices of each.

TABULAR VIEW OF AIDED CHURCHES.

Number.	Churches.	Missionaries.	Date of Commission.	Length of Com	Aid pledged.	Mos. of labor performed.	Hopeful conv's	Add'd		Remov'd			Resid. Memb.	Male Resid.	Non-Resid.	Av. Congrega	No. in Sab. Sch.	Contributions.	
								Profess.	Letter.	Dismiss.	Deaths.	Excomm.						Home Missions.	Other Objects.
1	Albany	John P. Demeritt	Jan. 1, 1870	12	$200 00	7	..	7	6	2	0	0	40	18	2	81	70	.....	$11 00
2	Arlington and Sunderland.	Charles Redfield	June 1, 1870	12	200 00	12	0	1	1	0	1	0	36	9	13	70	65	$19 00	.....
3	Berkshire East	Elias W. Hatch	June 1, 1870	12	100 00	12	4	2	1	3	0	0	42	17	6	70	111	13 50	64 75
4	Berlin West	John F. Stone	June 1, 1870	12	100 00	12	0	4	0	0	0	0	18	5	1	55	85	34 50	61 70
5	Bethel	Everett E. Lewis	June 1, 1870	12	150 00	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	8	15	67	78	17 50	40 00
6	Brownington	Israel T. Otis	July 10, 1870	12	150 00	12	1	1	0	2	2	0	58	20	8	90	60	10 00	50 00
7	Burke East	Joseph Underwood	June 1, 1870	12	100 00	12	2	2	2	4	0	0	42	17	13	50	40	10 00	15 00
8	Cambridgeport	Julius C. McCollom	June 1, 1870	12	150 00	12	2	2	3	0	0	0	43	20	3	110	95	7 23	30 27
9	Charleston West	Alexander C. Childs	June 1, 1870	12	200 00	12	7	3	5	1	1	0	58	17	8	100	112	50 00	200 43
10	Colchester	Charles M. Seaton	Jan. 1, 1871	12	150 00	12	4	0	0	6	1	0	48	7	14	65	63	20 00	49 85
11	Danby	James P. Stone	Nov. 1, 1871	12	200 00	12	6	5	3	0	1	0	18	5	4	60	90	7 00	37 00
12	Dover West	S. H. Amsden	May 8, 1871	12	200 00	12	10	11	3	0	0	0	25	11	5	120	80	10 00	21 00
13	Gaysville	Charles H. Riggs	Jan. 15, 1870	12	100 00	5													
		Charles Clark	April 1, 1871	12	125 00	2	2	2	0	3	1	0	57	19	16	100	90	12 70	31 15
14	Glover	Sidney K. B. Perkins	Aug. 15, 1870	12	100 00	12	4	3	0	2	1	0	61	19	18	140	200	60 60	17 69
15	Granby & Victory	Joshua Eaton	June 1, 1870	12	175 00	12	0	1	1	1	0	0	40	18	5	51	63	14 00	56 52
16	Highgate	Elam J. Comings	June 1, 1870	12	150 00	12	5	4	2	3	3	0	51	16	25	115	125	12 00	45 00
17	Holland	Timothy E. Ranney	June 1, 1870	12	150 00	12	2	1	1	2	1	0	7	2	7	40	50	10 00	12 50
18	Hubbardton	Calvin Granger	Sept 1, 1870	12	150 00	12	0	2	1	0	0	0	50	19	3	75	80	37 50	109 01
19	Hydepark	John G. Bailey	June 1, 1870	12	200 00	12	2	2	1	1	0	0	25	7	5	75	70	21 00	.....
20	Londonderry	Daniel Goodhue	April 1, 1871	12	200 00	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	21	7	6	100	75	6 00	.....
21	Lowell	Azro A. Smith	April 1, 1870	12	200 00	2	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....
		Frederick B. Phelps	July 1, 1870	9	.....	9	3	4	2	1	1	0	49	20	3	90	120	10 00	15 00

22	Ludlow	Henry A. Duboc	Nov. 1,	1870	12	200	00	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
		Philander Bates	Jan. 1,	1871	5	.....		5	0	0	0	5	3	0	61	16	12	80	90	16	00	11	27
23	Marshfield	Nelson F. Cobleigh	May 23,	1871	12	200	00	1	2	5	11	0	0	0	29	8	2	102	40	0	00	0	00
24	Middletown	Osborn Myrick	Nov. 1,	1870	12	125	00	12	1	4	1	0	2	0	34	12	17	125	146	13	00	82	00
25	Morrisville	Vitellus M. Hardy	Sept. 1,	1870	12	100	00	9	2	0	0	1	3	0	72	20	19	130	125	21	00	32	00
26	Newbury West	Robert D. Miller	Mar. 1,	1871	12	200	00	12	0	1	5	2	0	1	42	13	4	125	125	8	00	51	52
27	Pittsfield	Josiah B. Clark	April 1,	1871	12	100	00	12	0	0	0	1	3	0	44	15	30	60	52	25	00	0	00
28	Plainfield	Horace Pratt	Nov. 1,	1870	12	200	00	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	34	9	5	65	50	21	00	6	00
29	Ripton	Cephas H. Kent	June 1,	1870	12	200	00	12	2	3	0	3	1	0	43	17	19	45	45	20	00	48	00
30	Roxbury	Alden Ladd	Oct. 1,	1870	12	200	00	12	0	2	2	0	1	0	48	15	7	65	40	0	00	0	00
31	Royalton South	Stephen F. Drew	May 25,	1871	12	200	00	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	25	11	4	85	60	0	00	0	00
32	St. Albans Bay	E. Hungerford and J. E. Goodrich	Feb. 15,	1870	12	150	00	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	32	11	14	75	40	10	00	0	00
		D. B. Bradford	Feb. 25,	1871	12	200	00	4															
33	Sudbury	Henry F. Rustedt	Sept. 1,	1870	12	200	00	12	0	1	0	0	0	0	30	10	6	85	50	20	00	0	00
34	Troy	Daniel Goodhue	May 1,	1870	12	100	00	10	0	0	0	1	0	0	13	3	2	5	50	0	00	0	00
35	Troy North	David Connell	Dec. 1,	1870	12	200	00	12	0	0	2	0	2	0	42	15	9	100	60	16	00	0	00
36	Tunbridge	Ozias S. Morris	Aug. 1,	1870	12	150	00	12	9	7	0	0	0	0	39	14	6	100	80	7	50	200	00
37	Weathersfield Bow	P. Wallingford	Mar. 1,	1870	12	90	00	9	1	0	0	6	0	1	24	7	8	70	60	8	70	17	83
		Sidney Holman	Mar. 1,	1871	12	200	00	3															
38	Whiting	Harvey F. Leavitt	Jan. 1,	1871	12	100	00	5	..	2	..	..	..	..	5	1	..	50	..	.....		.....	
39	Wolcott	Horace Herrick	April 1,	1870	12	150	00	12	1	0	0	0	0	0	39	13	17	75	65	0	00	2	00
40	Worcester	Amos F. Shattuck	Aug. 1,	1870	12	200	00	10	3	2	0	0	1	0	35	9	12	75	56	18	67	0	00

THE AIDED CHURCHES.

1. ALBANY. Rev. J. P. Demeritt left at the close of his second year, January first. Since then the church has not been regularly supplied with preaching nor in a very harmonious state. They have, however, the hope of soon obtaining another minister.

2. ARLINGTON AND SUNDERLAND. This church has held on its way with little change. The society is burdened with a debt of $1,000, incurred when the parsonage was purchased. Persistent efforts should be made every year to reduce the amount until it is entirely extinguished.

3. BERKSHIRE EAST. The missionary writes, "The general prosperity here is as good as it has been during the past five years. Something of a revival season was enjoyed last winter, and several persons have expressed a hope in Christ, two uniting with us. We celebrated our fiftieth anniversary last July with appropriate exercises."

4. BERLIN WEST. This church has taken a step forward. They have purchased the claim of the Methodists to the Union House, and propose to sustain preaching through the year. Four have been received on profession of faith.

5. BETHEL. Heavy losses have been experienced by this church during the past two years, pecuniarily and in the removal of efficient members. The Rev E. E. Lewis, who has ministered to them with great acceptance for three years, has closed his labors with them. They have manfully met their trials, raised a subscription for preaching another year, and are earnestly looking for a pastor.

6. BROWNINGTON. The light of this church has shone from Brownington heights for more than sixty years. The building of railroads and of villages in the neighboring valleys, has diverted population and business from the ancient center. Perhaps eventually the ark of the Lord will have to be removed to where the people center, but for the present the church dispenses blessing from her time-honored seat of usefulness and power.

7. BURKE EAST. Rev. Joseph Underwood has ministered to this church during the year. He expresses a deep interest in a large class of young people growing up there, and his conviction

of the importance of sustaining the Congregational church in that community. One young man — a member of the church — is preparing for the ministry.

8. CAMBRIDGEPORT. The missionary writes, "The past year has been one of progress. Five have been added to our membership—one a young man whom I hope some day to see a minister of the gospel. Congregationalism seems to be better understood by the people, and the church itself has a stronger hold on the hearts of its members." A valuable addition has been made to the Sabbath School library.

9. CHARLESTON WEST. The pastor writes, "The year has been one of slow, but it is believed real progress. The week of prayer was observed as usual, and for three weeks following meetings were held every evening. The church during this time—many of its members,—rose to a higher degree of devotion, and some of them still retain the position then gained. We counted at the time on some hopeful conversions, and our hopes are in part realized." Eighty dollars have been paid toward enlarging the Sabbath School library. Funds are being raised to repair the church and parsonage.

10. COLCHESTER. There seems to have been a slight gain here. Four hopeful conversions have been reported. One young man is in a course of preparation for the Christian ministry.

11. DANBY. This infant church has been called to meet, not only opposition from without, but also a want of perfect harmony within. They have however enjoyed some measure of spiritual blessing during the year, and rejoiced over the conversion of a few souls. Three invividuals have built a house, intended for the use of the minister, which it is hoped will help to give permanence to the ministerial relation among them. By keeping the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace, and by continued, self-denying efforts, they may hope to increase with the increase of God.

12. DOVER WEST. During the fall and winter a season of refreshing was enjoyed by the church, and several were hopefully converted. The present state of feeling inspires hope in the missionary of rich blessings still to come. The new parsonage is almost ready to be occupied.

13. GAYSVILLE. Rev. Charles H. Riggs left before the close of his year, by reason of ill-health. The church has fortunately obtained, as a successor, Rev. Charles Clark. Their prospects are hopeful.

14. GLOVER. This church is making efforts to relieve the missionary society from the payment of very much toward the sup-

port of their minister. Last year they asked for but $100, and made a contribution of $60.60 to our treasury. We hope to see them soon self-sustaining; though such societies are constantly liable to lose by emigration, so that we cannot calculate with any great certainty what their condition and ability may be a year or two hence. Forty dollars have been raised for the Sabbath School library in West Glover. Two young men are preparing for the ministry.

15. GRANBY AND GLOVER. A small church, accommodating the people in two sparsely settled towns. The health of the missionary has not been good, but he has been able to preach regularly. He says that "The larger proportion of the whole population are in the habit of attending church, some of the time at least, on the Sabbath. No intoxicating drinks are sold here."

16. HIGHGATE. The missionary writes, "The prospects of the church's soon becoming self-sustaining have been somewhat diminished the last year by the decease, and removals to other churches, of substantial members. But our Sabbath assemblies and Sunday Schools are well sustained, and look hopeful. We have purchased an excellent Cabinet Organ at a cost of $200.00, and everybody feels the richer for it. We have raised fifty dollars to provide books and papers for the Sabbath School. Two of our young men are in a course of education that with increased efficiency they may serve the Master."

17. HOLLAND. The reports from this field have not, for several years, been very hopeful. The church and congregation are very small, and seem rather to decrease. We have continued to render them aid, with the hope and prayer that He, who walketh in the midst of the golden candlesticks, would in mercy visit this little flock and increase strength to them that have no might.

18. HUBBARDTON. The religious interest, which raised such high expectations more than a year since, disappointed the hopes of many. The church at present does not seem to be in as harmonious and growing a state as was the case during the two previous years.

19. HYDEPARK. The time seems to have come for this church to arise and build its first house of worship. Weak, as it is, it will require great effort, self-denial, and careful management. The pastor, who has labored with them from their very beginning as a church, and who has shared all their hopes, fears and trials, writes, "Dark clouds overshadow us at times, and all that has been done seems about to be lost; but we have a more hopeful prospect

now. A site for our new church has been bought and paid for, and all are well pleased with the location. Two thousand dollars have been raised toward building a house, and we expect to swell it to $2500.00. We do not expect to complete it before another year."

20. LONDONDERRY. This church has been without the ministry of the word most of the past year. They have now secured the services of Rev. D. Goodhue, and with the removal of some disturbing causes, have the prospect of a favorable year.

21. LOWELL. This church has experienced a great loss in the dismission by reason of ill-health, of Rev. A. A. Smith, their pastor who had labored with them with great fidelity for several years. They have, however, been most highly favored of God in securing immediately another pastor, in whom they are united. He has received most gratifying tokens of good will from his people, and the blessing of the Lord has attended his labors.

22. LUDLOW. Mr. H. A. Duboc left in November, when his year closed. The church has since hired Rev. P. Bates, in whom they are well united, and their prospects are hopeful.

23. MARSHFIELD. This church was, near the close of the year, transferred from the Itinerant to the Ordinary department. For further notice, see under Itinerant Fields.

24. MIDDLETOWN. The missionary writes, "Repairs have been made on the church and parsonage. During the summer months we have large accessions to our congregations from the visitors at the mineral springs; but thus far we have derived little strength, pecuniarily or otherwise, from this addition. There are, however, many hopeful indications of prosperity."

25. MORRISVILLE. After a destitution of some months this church obtained a minister in September. He writes: "For 'events'—we have the introduction of new books of worship in which the congregation join; the adoption of uniform lessons in the Sabbath School; increase of library books, to the amount of $60,00; and talk of a vestry, which may succeed. There has been a good interest in public worship, and an increase in congregation and Sabbath School of about one half the number we had at first."

26. NEWBURY WEST. The comfort and convenience of the missionary and his family have been increased, by repairs on the parsonage. There has been an improvement in friendly feeling among Christians of different denominations. The formation of an Ecclesiastical Society, joined by quite a number of young men, is a hopeful sign.

27. PITTSFIELD. The missionary preached in Sherburne one fourth of the time for nine months. The church has lost in members and pecuniary ability by the death of three worthy members.

28. PLAINFIELD. This little church have found it very difficult to sustain preaching. Last Spring they let their minister go, and since then have been unsupplied. We trust they will soon recover from their present discouragements, and by an earnest and united effort supply themselves again with gospel ordinances.

29. RIPTON. This little mountain church has gathered three into its fold during the year, but has parted with four to strengthen other churches. One of those dismissed has just been ordained as pastor of a church in Indiana. Deaths and removals tell sadly upon the strength of this little flock. Unless greatly strengthened, we fear that they will not be able long to retain their under shepherd.

30. ROXBURY. This church, with its pastor, have arisen, amidst opposition and discouragement, and are actively at work building a house of worship. The Lord raised them up kind friends who have generously aided them with means to carry forward their enterprise. They hope in a few months to have a house where they can worship God with none to molest them.

31. ROYALTON SOUTH. Preaching has been maintained through the year, with the exception of a few Sabbaths. The church, though disappointed for many months in trying to secure a permanent minister, relaxed none of their efforts, and finally succeeded in obtaining the services of Rev. S. F. Drew, in whom they are happily united.

32. ST. ALBANS BAY. After several years of apparent lifelessness, this church again appears upon our roll. Through the sympathy and efforts of the first Church in St. Albans and its pastor, they were encouraged to make an effort to live. Mr. Hungerford and Rev. J. E. Goodrich of Burlington preached for them during the first months of the year, till they hired Rev. D. B. Bradford, who is now their stated minister. The church building and grounds are being improved, and everything is assuming the appearance of order and permanence.

33. SUDBURY. The seed has been sowed through the year at the center and at out-stations. The missionary received a generous present, from Summer visitors, of a horse and carriage, which enables him to perform his parish work with greater comfort.

34. TROY. A large number of Christian families have moved into and from this parish within the last ten years. At times their

prospects have seemed very hopeful, at present the church are very few. Rev. D. Goodhue, who has preached to them for two years past, one half of the time, left them about the first of April. It is still to be hoped that by uniting with Westfield they may have preaching half of the time.

35. NORTH TROY. This is a large parish, near to Canada, where irreligious influences are strong. Faithful, self-denying, and long-continued labor is necessary in such a field. The missionary writes, "There is here indeed a great harvest to be gathered. Although the night may seem long and many discouragements may arise, I cannot but hope that the day is near and will soon break." The parsonage, which was secured last year, one half of which was the generous gift of one man, has been of great advantage to the church, and we doubt not will help to give permanency to the ministry there.

36. TUNBRIDGE. Several hopeful conversions have cheered the hearts of those who have watched for souls. This church is the only one in the village, and ought to cultivate faithfully the ground God has assigned to them.

37. WEATHERSFIELD BOW. Mr. Wallingford closed his labors with this church in February. Rev. Mr. Holman commenced his labors the 1st of March.

38. WHITING. Rev. H. F. Leavitt has been preaching to this church, which for seven years has been numbered with the dead, one half of the time since January last.

39. WOLCOTT. The report from this church is very brief, and contains little that is encouraging.

40. WORCESTER. Very little change has taken place in this church for several years. They have sustained preaching nearly through the year, and with some signs of the Spirit's presence and power.

TABULAR VIEW OF ITINERANT FIELDS.

FIELDS AND MISSIONARIES.	BEGUN.	Weeks of Labor.	Weekly Salary.	Traveling Expenses.	Amounts Paid. By the people.	Amounts Paid. By the society.	Amounts Paid. Total.	Average Congreg'n.	No. in Sab. School.
1. ATHENS		13			$33 00	$77 00	$110 00	65	25
P. B. Murry	May 24, 1870		$8 00	$6 00					
Roswell Chapin	May 21, 1871	2	8 00						
2. BRAINTREE								70	55
W. J. Chalmers	May 12, 1870	13	8 00	15 25	25 00	118 25	133 25		
W. D. Hart	May 28, 1871	1	8 00						
3. BRAINTREE EAST								160	80
A. T. Read	May 21, 1871	2	8 00						
4. BRIDGEWATER								90	30
Matthew Julian	May 12, 1870	13	8 00	15 75	17 68	102 75	119 75		
Wm. H. Woodwell	March 24, 1871	5	8 00	6 40	7 00	39 40	46 40		
John Thomas	May 28, 1871	1	8 00						
5. BRISTOL								71	30
W. G. Marts	May 26, 1870	13	8 00	9 00	70 00	59 00	129 00		
6. CANAAN								50	30
L. M. Foster	June 4, 1870	12	8 00	11 44	23 00	84 44	107 44		
W. E. Safford	May 21, 1871	2	8 00						
7. CALAIS EAST								90	40
N. F. Cobleigh	June 1, 1870	25	10 46		112 50	150 00	262 50		
8. DOVER CENTER								60	25
Rev. A. Chandler	April 15, 1871	8	8 00		40 00	24 00	64 00		
9. DUXBURY								80	45
C. S. Newhall	May 13, 1870	9	8 00	9 70	75 00	6 70	81 70		
10. GUILDHALL								80	45
T. P. Pruden	May 28, 1871	1	8 00						
11. HYDEPARK NORTH								70	50
John K. Browne	July 9, 1870	5	8 00	50	20 00	20 50	40 50		
Q. L. Dowd	May 21, 1871	2	8 00						
12. MARSHFIELD								95	45
N. F. Cobleigh	June 1, 1870	25	10 46		212 50	50 00	262 50		
13 .ORANGE								70	40
J. Henry House	May 19, 1870	10	8 00	18 55	104 00	11 55	115 55		
G. W. Christie	May 21, 1871	2	8 00						
14. POMFRET								105	55
H. H. Hamilton	May 28, 1870	11	8 00	11 67	25 00	74 67	99 67		
15. RUTLAND WEST								50	
Rev. Gust. A. Pehrson	Aug. 12, 1870	16				100 00			
16. STRATTON								86	50
A. B. Emmons	May 29, 1870	13	8 00	8 00	20 00	92 00	112 00		
F. S. Fitch	May 24, 1871	1	8 00						
17. SIMONSVILLE								65	25
Geo. L. Beach	May 29, 1871	1	8 00						
18. TOPSHAM WEST								100	50
E. W. Miller	May 28, 1870	14	8 00	9 35	84 00	37 35	121 35		
Edward C. Hood	Sept. 4, 1870	38	8 00		229 00	75 00	304 00		
19. VERSHIRE								50	30
Austin H. Norris	May 27, 1870	15	8 00	8 75	50 00	78 75	128 75		
20. WATERVILLE								140	125
John. K. Browne	July 9, 1870	5	8 00	10 00	50 00		50 00		
Q. L. Dowd	May 21, 7871	2	8 00						
21. WESTON								80	55
Arthur H. Adams	May 24, 1871	2	8 00						
22. WHITEHALL EAST								50	25
Henry Whitehead	May 21, 1871	2	8 00						

ITINERANT FIELDS.

1. ATHENS. This field embraces about thirty families, including a few Christians of different denominations. They are not easily accommodated with religious privileges elsewhere, and are not united enough to sustain preaching by themselves through the year. The meetings were well attended last summer, and more than usual religious interest was manifest.

2. BRAINTREE. There has been little change in the condition of this little church. They have had meetings several weeks, when not supplied by students, and have kept up the Sabbath School through the year.

3. BRAINTREE EAST. This is a field that we never have occupied before. A student preaches part of the time in West Brookfield. There has been, in these communities, no evangelical preaching for some years. The missionary has been heartily welcomed. The people board him and pay five dollars a week toward his support. Considerable religious interest exists there at present.

4. BRIDGEWATER. A student labored here for about four months last season. Another commenced in March this year, and was followed by another in May. The removal of a family, that has always helped sustain Christian institutions, has weakened the hands of the few remaining Christians.

5. BRISTOL. A student was sent to this church with the hope of giving them a forward impulse, but we fear without any favorable results. They are still content to live without a minister and with a closed sanctuary, and we fear that they will thus induce a weakness that will in the end compel them to live so.

6. CANAAN. As there is no Congregational church in this town, those who, under the labors of the missionaries, have been renewed or quickened, have united with the Congregational church in Colebrook, N. H., which is nearer them than any other.

7. CALAIS EAST. Rev. N. F. Cobleigh supplied this field half of the time for the year. The attendance upon public worship and the interest in prayer meetings has been encouraging. The people have raised $200 toward meeting the expenses of sustaining preaching. The village is increasing in size, and there seems to be an increased desire for evangelical preaching. Arrangements have been made to supply them with religious privileges every Sabbath through the present summer.

8. DOVER CENTER. This hill is the ancient site of a Congregational church, now gone to decay. Rev. A Chandler found ready access to the people, and felt that there was good encouragement to labor among them.

9. DUXBURY. This church has met with a great loss in the death of Dea. Earl Ward. They were supplied by a student last summer, and contributed liberally toward his support. It is understood that the present summer they are to have Methodist preaching.

10. GUILDHALL. This church became sadly discouraged by losing their pastor, and by a debt incurred in building a parsonage. After being without preaching for many months, they concluded to begin again by employing a student for the summer. It is hoped that they will then be ready to secure a more permanent laborer.

11. HYDEPARK NORTH. The same missionary who preaches here also preaches half of the time at Waterville. The church has allowed the Methodists to occupy their meeting-house half of the time, so that they have enjoyed some religious privileges when unsupplied with an itinerant laborer.

12. MARSHFIELD. It has been a year of labor, of blessing and of prosperity to this little church. They have had a minister to dwell with and go in and out among them. Having no other place of worship except a school-house, they have entered upon the work of erecting a house of worship. The Lord has given them favor among the churches so that they have received generous aid from the friends of Christ. They have the prospect of soon worshiping God in their own house of prayer, and of having preaching every Sabbath, and that too from a pastor to be set over them in the Lord. Their membership has been more than doubled. They have been transferred to the Ordinary Department.

13. ORANGE. No preaching has been enjoyed during the year in this field except by itinerant missionaries. If the people properly prized the institutions of the gospel, they might easily be supplied with preaching through the year. We look forward to the time when this will come to pass.

14. POMFRET. A student spent last summer in preaching to this church. They have had no continuous preaching since Rev. C. Duren left them. They are however hoping to secure a minister soon.

15. RUTLAND WEST. In the marble quarries in West Rutland quite a number of Swedes are employed. Some of these are Chris-

tian people and have families. They greatly desire religious privileges. We have assisted them in employing, one or two Sabbaths a month, Rev. Gust. A. Pehrsson to preach to them in their own language. He has visited them at their houses, conversed with them on personal religion and distributed among them Bibles and religious books in the Swedish language. The missionary says, "I have preached to them forty-eight times during the year and held eighteen prayer meetings, baptized six children, visited the sick and every family several times, and talked to them about Jesus, who is ready to save them if they will turn to Him by faith and prayer. I have sowed the good seed, the word of God, amongst my countrymen, and hope and believe it has not been sowed in vain. The number of families in my society is seventeen; number of young men and women seventy-one; number of children twenty-four; making the whole number of Scandinavians one hundred and twelve. Many more are expected this summer." The missionary expresses the confident hope that several of his congregation have been converted.

16. STRATTON. There are some faithful members in this little church, by whose faith, prayers and labors it lives and is a power in the town. The missionary there last summer reported considerable religious interest, and one addition to the church. There is no other preaching in the town.

17. SIMONSVILLE. Last summer the way seemed to be closed so that no missionary was sent to this field. We are, however, occupying it again this year, and hope the Lord will bless our efforts to the salvation of other souls.

18. TOPSHAM WEST. We have no church organization here. But the citizens of all denominations desired a Congregational minister for a year. They were provided with the labors of two students whose services were most acceptable. The year has been one of harmony and we trust of profit to all.

19. VERSHIRE. This church has a resident membership of about forty,—a number large enough, if they were of one heart and one mind, to move steadily forward in the support of religious institutions. But by reason of divisions, and long neglect of religious ordinances, they are without strength, courage or hope. They were written to this year about having preaching again, but no response came back.

20. WATERVILLE. This church has held on its way wonderfully, considering how few male members it has had for some years past. Preaching is greatly prized, and the attendance on public worship is large. No church lives thus without prayer and faith

on the part of some one. They have a missionary this summer whose labors are divided between this church and North Hyde-park.

21. WESTON has been without preaching most of the time for two years. A student is supplying them temporarily, till they can get a permanent supply. Through the sympathy of neighboring churches, they have been stimulated to new efforts and inspired with new hopes.

22. WHITEHALL EAST. We are assisting this church during the present season in sustaining the ordinances of God's house. A goodly number have been raised up here who have gone forth to serve the Master elsewhere, but the remaining members are few.

SUMMARY.

WORK AND FRUITS.

Seventy-four missionaries have been employed the past year. Of these forty-four belonged to the Ordinary and thirty to the Itinerant department. They have labored in fifty different fields. Seventy-eight hopeful conversions have been reported. Eighty-five have been admitted to church fellowship by profession of faith, and fifty-three by letter. The losses by deaths, dismissions and exclusions have been eighty-two, leaving a net gain of fifty-six members.

In eleven churches there have been no additions. In ten there has been an actual loss of thirty-nine members—thirty of them by dismission—making the weak weaker and, perhaps, adding strength to the strong.

The fruits of the year in conversions and additions to the churches have been less than for several years past. The church in West Dover seems to have been most highly blessed with the Spirit's presence and converting power, reporting ten hopeful conversions and an addition of fourteen to its membership.

Eight churches have been called to part with their ministers. Four of these have secured others, and four, that had no ministers when the year commenced, are now supplied.

CHURCH BUILDING.

Three of our smaller churches, which received their upward impulse through our itinerant work, viz., Roxbury, Marshfield and Hydepark, are making great efforts to erect their first houses of worship ; a step that in each case seemed to be a necessity for them to take if they would continue to live and grow. The two former—Roxbury and Marshfield—have received most encouraging tokens of sympathy and material aid from some generous-hearted individuals in the State, as the result of which they will doubtless complete their houses early this season. The little church in Hydepark needs the same generous consideration. We heartily commend her to those who love to bear the burdens of the weak, and so fulfil the law of Christ.

ITINERANT FIELDS.

West Topsham, Marshfield and East Calais have been supplied through the year with preaching by the Itinerant department.

Itinerant laborers are now employed in Canaan, East Calais, Orange, Braintree, East Braintree and West Brookfield, Bridgewater, Weston, Athens, Stratton, Guildhall, North Hydepark, Waterville, and Simonsville.

In West Rutland, there is a population of 112 Swedes, old and young, who work in the marble quarries. Quite a number of them are members of the church. They are all very poor. We have assisted them in securing a minister during a part of the year to preach to them in their own language. He reports a religious awakening among them and some hopeful conversions.

COMMUNITIES AS RELATED TO THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The churches and communities in the State, as related to the missionary work, may be divided into *three* classes.

The *first* class includes all the

SELF-SUSTAINING CHURCHES.

There are about 114 of them. They draw nothing from our treasury, but are the fountains from which it draws most of its supplies. Without their generous co-operation our whole work must languish and die. While some of them are generous in their offerings and can be relied upon every year to do their part, yet, on an average, nearly one tenth of this class, from various causes, fail to make an annual contribution for this object. In some cases this results from the unsettling influences of losing a minister ; in others the building or repairing of a church or parsonage is allowed to interfere with collections for all benevolent objects. In other

cases still, the failure is due to a want of any system or fixed purpose to contribute at a specific time for specific objects. The whole matter is left to circumstances. Neither minister nor people have any settled plan or time for making an offering of their substance to the service of God. They seldom move themselves in the matter till moved upon by agencies from without, and in some cases their inertia is superior to all outside influences. As the giving of our substance to the Lord, for the building up of His kingdom, is just as manifest a duty as prayer, or keeping the Sabbath, it is not easy to reconcile such neglect with their obligations to Christ.

SYMPATHY DUE FROM THE STRONG CHURCHES.

But have these stronger churches done all their home missionary work when they have cast their contributions into the treasury? Not a few seem to think so. Is there no way by which they may, and should come into closer contact with the feebler — the very feeblest and most destitute churches — impart to them some moral strength and, taking them by the hand, lead them to feel that they are their brethren in Christ and that their *heart* beats in sympathy with them?

The feebler churches and needy neighborhoods are distributed all over the State, in every county. Some of them, which are destitute of preaching most of the year, are near neighbors to strong churches; yet too often is it that from one year's end to another they receive no friendly call, or recognition, or cup of cold water in the name of Christ, from any of their more favored sisters. When one member of our families is feeble all the other members ministers to her wants, and that too though the feebleness continues through many years. We are careful not only to supply her bodily wants, but to surround her with pleasant influences, and speak words of good cheer, so that if possible we may win back health, inspire hope and brighten her pathway. Should not the stronger churches of the family of Christ be equally thoughtful of, and as lovingly attentive to their feeble sisters, showing a tender solicitude for their spiritual health, and the lengthening of their days? We cannot estimate the good that would result from continued fraternal effort, on the part of the strong churches, to seek out and encourage their weak neighbors. We are glad from time to time to see attempts of this kind made.

The church at St. Albans Bay, which had not for some years attempted to sustain public worship, was two years ago visited again and again by the pastor and members of the first church in St. Albans. Religious services were resumed and various supplies secured for them through last year. As a consequence of the sympathy shown them the church have secured a minister, and are now hoping for continued life and usefulness.

The religious movement at Lyndonville which resulted in the formation of a self-sustaining church there was encouraged and fostered by the active sympathy and personal presence of the representatives from the churches in Caledonia county.

The personal interest taken by the pastor of the church in Cabot in the little church in Marshfield, and the inspiring influence received from visits made them, by persons from the churches in Caledonia and Washington counties, were prominent agencies in awakening them to new life.

The work done by the pastor of the church, with which we meet to-day, in arranging with the churches in this county to supply with a Sabbath's preaching, through the winter and spring, the church in Weston, has been attended with hopeful results in encouraging them to re-open their house for worship.

The work undertaken, early last spring, by some of the members of the church in Woodstock, in going to Bridgewater to hold religious meetings, was just the kind of work that was needed, and it is to be hoped that, when the itinerent missionary in Bridgewater has closed his labors, the church in Woodstock will renew their efforts, and, if need be, adopt Bridgewater into their own parish, and become responsible for its religious culture, for at least a part of each year.

We do not suppose that, by such effort, every feeble church will be materially strengthened, though we have no doubt that some — one here, and one there — will be. But we insist, that such kind of Christian ministering is due, from the strong to the very weak churches, and that it will be blessed to the good of both. In some localities it can be done almost exclusively by laymen, by some of the seventy whom Christ now sends out, two by two as of old, into all the towns and villages whither He himself will go. It is true it will require some study, self-denial, labor, and perhaps bodily and mental exhaustion to ride off some miles and take the charge of a religious meeting. But these are inseparable from all work in this world, and shall we take account of them, when connected with labor for Christ and his church, while we accept them so cheerfully, in the way of our ordinary business? Shall weariness, induced by voluntary work for our Saviour, be pleaded as a sufficient reason for abandoning such work, when we readily submit to it, in matters of personal profit and pleasure? There is much missionary work, in the waste places in the State, that *can* be done, and done *only* by the neighboring stronger churches. And not until the individual churches awake to a sense of their responsibility in this matter, and go forth to hunt up the neglected, cheer the desponding, strengthen the weak and raise the fallen, can we hope for a greatly improved condition in the religious condition of our State.

THE AIDED CHURCHES.

The *second* class embraces those churches which are able, with the aid granted them by the Missionary Society, to enjoy the permanent ministrations of the word. These number about fifty-eight. They do not all receive aid in any one year. Forty of them have been on our roll the past year. Some of them have been without ministers. Others manage to support their ministers, at times, for several years in succession without assistance. The self-denials they practice, and the efforts they make to do this are worthy of all praise. All of them are liable, by the death or removal of one or two members, to be obliged to ask for aid.

Of this second class Windsor and Orleans counties have the largest number, nine each; Windham has seven; Orange, Rutland and Washington five each; Bennington and Lamoille three each; Essex two and Caledonia one. The greatest proportion of the funds received into our treasury goes to supply these churches with the continuous preaching of the gospel. They are required, by our rules, to pay 125 per cent. on their grand lists, for the support of their minister, as a condition of receiving aid. In all, but an occasional exceptional case, this rule is enforced. On an average, the aided churches pay considerable more than that amount. Some of them as high as 200 and even 300 per cent. They are also required to take an annual collection for the Home missionary work. This is done, that they may keep in mind the fact, that the Christian religion involves the *principle* and *practice* of practical benevolence. We should be very unwilling that any feeble church should feel that, because they are poor, they are absolved from all obligations to do their part in sustaining the great objects of Christian benevolence. The doing something for others is inseparable from the idea of a Christian. There is no true discipleship where there is no attempt to bless and benefit others. The poorest churches and believers are made stronger and richer, in the highest sense, by possessing and giving exercise to that benevolent spirit which prompts to the giving of property, as God has prospered them, to carry forward the kingdom of Christ.

Some of the churches which belong to this class seem to be slowly, but surely advancing to a condition of self-support. We hope that, in a few years, their names will disappear from our list as, within a brief period past, Newport and Stowe and Island Pond and Barnet and Bellows Falls have done. While, however, some increase in strength, others find their numbers and means growing less. The continued strength of the strong churches and the interest of religion in the whole country depend much upon our faithfully sustaining these feeble churches. We err if we let one

of them remain without the assurance of our sympathy and readiness to aid them in time of need.

ITINERANT FIELDS.

The *third* class referred to embraces the very smallest churches, and some communities where no church organization exists, but where there are a few families desiring Christian privileges. In these fields, no hope is entertained of continuous preaching through the year, for the reason that the professed Christians are few and poor, and receive little sympathy and aid from the community around them, in their efforts to sustain the public worship of God. These fields — many of them at least — do not appear very attractive or hopeful. They seldom press their wants upon us or ask for any help. It is easy to neglect them and to persuade ourselves that there is no practical way of reaching them, so that we are excusable for leaving them to themselves. And yet, if, in imitation of our Lord, we attempt to go through our State, as He went through Judea, Samaria and Galilee, preaching the gospel of the Kingdom, we shall be sure to come across these places, and find in them souls perishing for lack of the bread of life,—many of them ready to listen to the truth, and companies of bright, intelligent children glad to come to the Sabbath School.

It is in these fields that our itinerant work is, for the most part, done, and where, in the intervals between the going and coming of the itinerant missionaries, the stronger churches in the neighborhood might, with self-denial and effort, do much effective work. We have supplied some of these communities for years with preaching, a part of the year, with, we confess, little appearance of general improvement. There have been, thanks be to God, in that time several cases of individual conversions; but the great mass of the communities are not only not gathered into the church, but are as indifferent to divine truth, and as far from God as ever.

Bridgewater is an instance of this kind. For fifteen years past itinerant missionaries have been sent there. For nearly two years at one time, they were supplied continuously. By the moving in of Christian families there have been times when there seemed to be a ground of hope for better things. But the moving away of the same families or the death of some praying souls has disappointed our hopes. As there is a village there with no preaching by any other evangelical denomination, and as a goodly number of the people will attend public worship when it is held, we have not felt that we should be justified in the sight of God in abandoning our work in that community. May it not appear in the great day that the labor and money we have expended in Bridgewater is unworthy of a thought in comparison with the priceless value of the

few souls that have there been gathered into the kingdom of our Lord? Is it nothing to carry the supports and consolations of the gospel for a part of each year to the believers that are found in such communities, confirm their faith, and help them to breast the tide of ungodliness that beats against them, may not this be just the instrumentality that God employs to keep, through faith, unto salvation, such tempted ones?

But while in some places, where our itinerant work has been performed, we have not succeeded according to our desires, in lifting up a fallen church or in reclaiming a waste place, yet in others, God has permitted us to behold great and precious fruits of our labors, as a few years ago we did in Roxbury and Guildhall and Jamaica, and, as during the past year, we have done in Marshfield. In the latter place the church was so reduced and had been so long without any meetings for public worship that the query had been raised whether the church was not extinct and should not be stricken from the roll of our churches. Through the labors of itinerant missionaries and the practical sympathy of neighboring churches, that sister church has been, as it were, raised up from the grave. The currents of life again course through her veins, the hue of health mantles her cheek, the sound of her hammer is heard as she goes forth to build the house of the Lord. Her voice of prayer and praise ascend heavenward, and clothed in the garments of salvation, she invites all to join her in the worship of the living and true God.

It should be our settled purpose, from which nothing should divert us, to make the gospel a living presence in all the needy and now destitute communities in the State. Amid the eager pursuit of wealth, the lethargy of worldliness, and the din and strife of selfish interest, we should give voice to the truth of God in every neighborhood in our State, to convince men of sin, of righteousness and judgment, and to point them to the only Saviour from sin. The gospel is needed in the destitute fields as much as anywhere. Everywhere, the poor, the broken-hearted, the sick and the dying need its consolations. The young just commencing life's perilous voyage, the strong man wrestling with temptations whose name is legion, and who are stronger than he, the old man fast approaching the confines of the life to come—how much do all need the light, and love, and power of God, which come into the soul only through the gospel, to guide and rescue them!

Shall not we, who are commissioned of God to care for the spiritual welfare of all in our own State, be more earnest and faithful in prosecuting our Home Missionary work.

FOR THE DIRECTORS.

C. S. SMITH, *Secretary.*

RECEIPTS

OF THE

VERMONT DOMESTIC MISSIONARY SOCIETY,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 17, 1871.

	For Ordinary Department	For Itinerant Department	From Feminine societies.	From Itinerant Fields.
ADDISON COUNTY.				
BRIDPORT—Church and society, June 22, $18 00; June 16, $31 48	$49 48	$	$	$
BRISTOL—Church and society, Sept. 9, $3 00; Sept. 15, $50 50; Nov. 23, $17 00				70 00
CORNWALL—Church and society, Feb. 5, $44 74; June 7, Cent Society, $17 57	44 74		17 57	
MIDDLEBURY—Gentlemen, Nov. 16, $76 05; Feb. 23, Ladies, $84 85; April 5, $8 00	84 05		84 85	
NEW HAVEN—Church and society, Jan. 2, $33 05; Feb. 14, $4 00	37 05			
ORWELL—Church and society, Dec. 30	50 00			
RIPTON—Church and society, Dec. 9, $19 00; June 5, $1 00	20 00			
SHOREHAM—Church and society, May 2	25 00			
VERGENNES—Church and society, June 22, $25 10; June 29, 5 00	30 10			
BENNINGTON COUNTY.				
ARLINGTON—Sept. 9, C. R., $10 00; church and society, June 6, $19 00	29 00			
BENNINGTON—1st Church and society, June 22, $36 75; Oct. 20, $36 75; Oct. 29, $27 00	100 50			
BENNINGTON—2d Church and society, Oct. 30	47 56			
DORSET—Church and society, Nov. 7	26 20			
MANCHESTER—Church and society, Oct. 26	25 50			
PERU—Church and society, Sept. 26	12 29			
CALEDONIA COUNTY.				
BARNET—Church and society, June 22, $60 00; Sept. 8, $12 00, to constitute Rev. L. S. Watts a Life Member	72 00			
BURKE—Church and society, June 2	10 00			
HARDWICK—Church and society, March 11	80 90			
LYNDON—Church and society, July 1, $8 85; March 13, $12 28;	21 13			
PEACHAM—Church and society, May 12	17 25			
ST. JOHNSBURY EAST—Church and Society, Sept. 6, $3 00; June 12, $57 00	60 00			
ST. JOHNSBURY NORTH—Church and society, Sept. 6, $36 75; Feb. 8, $23 01; June 7, Cent Society, $24 10	59 76		24 10	
ST. JOHNSBURY—Hon. Horace Fairbanks, May 31		250 00		
ST. JOHNSBURY SOUTH—Church and society, Aug. 20, $44 40; Oct. 4, $36 52; Dec. 9, $54 65; Dec. 24, $3 30; Feb. 20, $37 26; April 15, $44 57; June 13, $41 70;	262 40			
ST. JOHNSBURY SOUTH—Mr. Thaddeus Fairbanks, June 28, $500 00; May 31, $500 00		$1000		
ST. JOHNSBURY—E. & T. Fairbanks & Co., Dec. 12	$1000			
WATERFORD—Church and society, Jan. 25, $6 00; Jan. 2, "S." $10 00	16 00			
CHITTENDEN COUNTY.				
BURLINGTON—1st Church and society, July 9, $223 11; June 7, J. W. Hickok, Esq., $100 00	223 11	100 00		
BURLINGTON—3d Church and society, Jan. 2	78 70			
CHARLOTTE—Church and society, Jan. 21	30 00			
COLCHESTER—Church and society, June 21, $21 00; June 15, $20 00	41 00			
ESSEX—Church and society, Aug. 28	17 00			

CHITTENDEN COUNTY—*Continued.*	For Ordinary Department	For Itinerant Department	From Feminine societies.	From Itinerant Fields.
JERICHO—Church and society, June 23, $3 00; Feb. 19, $24 10; March 24, Cent Society, $15 00	$ 27 10	$	$ 15 00	$
WESTFORD—June 22, Cent Society, $8 00; Jan. 11, Church and society, $17 00	17 00		8 00	
UNDERHILL—Church and society, June 16	23 60			
WINOOSKI—Church and society, April 13	18 00			
ESSEX COUNTY.				
CANAAN—Sept. 16				23 00
GRANBY—Church and society, June 1	14 00			
LUNENBURGH—Church and society, Jan. 4	9 15			
FRANKLIN COUNTY.				
BAKERSFIELD—Church and society, Feb. 10, $8 50; March 13, $8 50	17 00			
BERKSHIRE EAST—Church and society, June 8	13 50			
ENOSBURGH—Church and society, June 5	12 00			
FAIRFIELD—Church and society, May 30	11 50			
GEORGIA—Church and society, Jan. 3	20 00			
HIGHGATE—Church and society, May 26	12 00			
SHELDON—Church and society, June 7	16 10			
ST. ALBANS—1st Church and society, Jan. 11, $499 45; Mrs. J. G. Smith, $225 00	704 45			
ST. ALBANS BAY—Church and society, June 6	10 00			
FRANKLIN AND GRAND ISLE—Conference Sept. 15		4 00		
LAMOILLE COUNTY.				
HYDEPARK—Church and society, June 12	22 50			
HYDEPARK NORTH—Church and society, Sept. 26				20 00
MORRISVILLE—Church and society, June 22, $14 35; March 11, $7 00, to constitute Dea. O. French a Life Member of V. D. M. S.	21 35			
STOWE—Church and society, April 4, $17 48; June 16, Cent Society, $10 00	17 48		10 00	
WATERVILLE—Church and society, Sept. 26, $50 00; May 26, a friend, $5 00		5 00		50 00
LAMOILLE COUNTY CONFERENCE		3 72		
ORANGE COUNTY.				
BRADFORD—Church and society, June 24, $18 92; Oct. 21, $29 17; May 30, Cent Society, $32 20	48 09		32 20	
BROOKFIELD—2d Church and society, Jan. 11, $11 25; April 10, $10 00	21 25			
BRAINTREE—Church and society, Sept. 15				25 00
CHELSEA—Church and society, Nov. 28, $33 60; March 11, $1 50	35 10			
CORINTH—Church and society, Sept. 14, to constitute Mrs. Ruth Cook and Sarah A. Little Life Members of V. D. M. S.	30 00			
NEWBURY—Church and society, April 5	50 00			
NEWBURY WEST—Church and society, March 11	8 00			
ORANGE—Aug. 18				111 00
POST MILLS—Church and society, Aug. 28, $5 10; May 8, $5 11; Cent Society, $8 32	10 21		8 32	
RANDOLPH WEST—Church and society, Oct. 20	44 00			
TOPSHAM WEST—Sept. 1, $84 00; June, $224 00				308 00
VERSHIRE—Church and society, Sept. 15				50 55
WELLS RIVER—Church and society, Jan. 4	50 00			
WILLIAMSTOWN—June 23, P. B., $4 00; Church and society, June 4, $10 36; June 8, $10 00	24 36			
ORLEANS COUNTY.				
BARTON—Church and society, June 7, $41 55; Cent Society, $19 11; to constitute Mr. and Mrs. Ephraim Taylor, Life Members of the A. H. M. S.	41 55		19 11	
BROWNINGTON—Church and society, May 30	12 85			
CHARLESTON WEST—Church and society, May 25, $40 00; Cent Society, $10 00	40 00		10 00	
COVENTRY—Oct. 7, Cent Society, $3 20; Church and society, March 10, $25 80	25 80		3 20	
CRAFTSBURY—Church and society, May 25, $15 10; Cent Society, $16 50	15 10		16 50	
GLOVER—Church and society, Aug. 23, $25 00; Feb. 18, $9 65; May 17, $9 50; June 6, $16 45	60 60			
GREENSBORO—Church and society, April 29	20 00			
HOLLAND—Church and society, June 8	10 00			
IRASBURGH—Church and society, June 10	8 68			
LOWELL—Church and society, June 12	10 00			
TROY NORTH—Church and society, Sept. 9, $8 00; June 6, $8 00;	16 00			

RUTLAND COUNTY.	For Ordinary Department	For Itinerant Department	From Feminecent societies.	From Itinerant Fields.
BENSON—Church and society, May 31	$20 00	$	$	$
BRANDON—Church and society, Nov. 29	15 00			
CASTLETON—Church and society, April 5, $69 00; Isa. N. Northrop, $30 00, to constitute himself a Life Member of the A. H. M. S.	99 00			
CLARENDON—Church and society, $44 50; of which $20 00 from Dea. F. Button, to constitute Willie D. Smith a Life Member; April 12, Cent Society, $22 00	44 50		22 00	
DANBY—Church and society, June 2	7 00			
HUBBARDTON—Church and society, June 12	37 50			
MIDDLETOWN—Church and society, July 2	14 00			
PAWLET—Church and society, June 5	19 00			
PITTSFIELD—Church and society, April 7	25 00			
PITTSFORD—Church and society, Nov. 25, to constitute Miss Rachel Dunlap a Life Member	111 00			
RUTLAND—Church and society, Oct. 7, $51 00; Dec. 14, $17 88;	68 88			
RUTLAND WEST—Church and society, Nov. 5	52 35			
SUDBURY—Church and society, June 14	20 00			
WALLINGFORD—Church and society, not acknowledged last year $10 00; Nov. 18, $94 32, of which from A. W. $30 00, to constitute Mrs. Wm. S. Ballou a Life Member of the A. H. M. S.; Cent Society $25 76	104 32		25 76	
WASHINGTON COUNTY.				
BARRE—Church and society, May 21	12 00			
BERLIN—Nov. 29, Dea. J. N. Perrin	2 14			
BERLIN WEST—Church and society, June 3, to constitute W. D. Chandler and Miss Lucy Dewey Life Members	34 50			
CABOT—Church and society, Feb. 12, O. Crosby	2 00			
CALAIS EAST—June 1				122 00
DUXBURY—Church and society, Aug. 2, $75; Oct. 30, $4 00; March 31, $2 00	6 00			75 00
MARSHFIELD—Church and society, June 1				222 00
MONTPELIER—June 13, Cent Society, $31 24; Church and society, June 17	152 70		31 24	
NORTHFIELD—Church and society, June 22, $11 35; April 25, $8 68; June 9, $9 12, to constitute Matthew McLearn a Life Member of A. H. M. S.; Ladies' Circle, $10 00	29 15		10 00	
PLAINFIELD—Church and society, Nov. 14	21 00			
WAITSFIELD—Church and society, Dec. 6	10 50			
WATERBURY—Church and society, Nov. 8, $22 22; May 28, $20 70	42 92			
WORCESTER—Church and society, June 1	18 67			
WINDHAM COUNTY.				
ATHENS—Aug. 25				33 00
BRATTLEBORO EAST—Church and society, Sept. 5, $213 87; March 13, Sabbath School, $21 53	235 40			
BRATTLEBORO WEST—Church and society, Sept. 5	56 50			
CAMBRIDGEPORT—Church and society, Sept. 16	7 23			
DOVER WEST—Church and society, June 2	10 00			
DUMMERSTON—Church and society, Jan. 18, $20 10; May 19, $7 30; Cent Society $22 70, to constitute Dea. Leroy Wilder and Rev. L. G. Chase Life Members	27 40		22 70	
GRAFTON—Church and society, Sept. 16	24 90			
FAYETTEVILLE—Church and society, June 22, $15 00; Jan. 18, $14 65	29 65			
JAMAICA—Church and society, Nov. 25	10 00			
LONDONDERRY—Church and society, May 30	6 00			
PUTNEY—Church and society, Sept. 5, $15 17; Jan. 18, $8 00	23 17			
SAXTON'S RIVER—Church and society, Jan. 18	5 60			
STRATTON—Church and society, Sept. 5				20 00
TOWNSHEND EAST—Church and society, Jan. 18	21 40			
TOWNSHEND—Church and society, Jan. 18	25 05			
WESTMINSTER WEST—Church and society, June 22, $35 27; Cent Society, $15 15	35 27		15 15	
WESTMINSTER EAST—Church and society, Sept. 5	18 00			
WINDHAM—Church and society, Jan. 18	23 00			
WINDSOR COUNTY.				
BETHEL—Church and society, April 26	17 50			
BRIDGEWATER—Church and society, Sept. 26, $17 00; May 8, $7 00				24 00
CHESTER—Church and society, Jan. 27, $13 50; Nov. 3, Cent Society, $30 00; to constitute Miss Lucy A. Prouty a Life Member of the A. H. M. S.	13 50		30 00	
HARTFORD—Church and society, June 16	35 50			
GAYSVILLE—Church and society, Oct. 27	5 50			
LUDLOW—Church and society, June 6	16 00			

WINDSOR COUNTY—*Continued.*	For Ordinary Department	For Itinerant Department	From Feminine societies.	From Itinerant Fields.
NORWICH—Church and society, June 6, $20 00; Cent Society, $34 00; June 2, J. G. Stimson, $100 00	$ 70 00	$ 50 00	$ 34 00	$
POMFRET—Church and society, Sept. 20				25 00
SHARON—Church and society, Oct. 20, to constitute Dea. Simeon Nutt, Life Member	20 00			
SPRINGFIELD—Church and society, June 20	310 00			
WEATHERSFIELD BOW—Jan. 24	7 75			
WINDSOR—Church and society, Oct. 21, $31 12; Nov. 24, $7 50, to constitute Rev. Silas P. Cook and Mrs. Mary C. Cook Life Members of A. H. M. S.	88 62			
WOODSTOCK—Church and society, June 24, $11 82; Aug. 10, $24 04; Oct. 4, $9 82; Dec. 5, $12 30; Feb. 8, $8 72; Cent Society, $26 32	66 70		26 32	
WESTON—Church and society, March 5	20 00			
WINDSOR COUNTY CONFERENCE—June 10		14 78		
OTHER RECEIPTS.				
June 28. Estate of Hon. Erastus Fairbanks, by Hon. Horace and Franklin Fairbanks, Administrators		500 00		
Sept. 9. Interest on U. S. Bond	3 36			
Sept. 9. Interest on State of Maine Bond	45 00			
Sept. 9. Dividend on Conn. & Pas. Rivers R. R. Stock	66 00			
Sept. 10. Interest on T. A. Murry's note	50 00			
Sept. 14. Dividend on Conn. & Pas. Rivers R. R. Stock	42 75			
Jan. 14. Estate of Mrs. Margaret F. Cobleigh, by Mr. C. Fisk, Executor	100 00			
Mar. 10. Interest on J. Bowdish's note	9 00			
May 8. Interest on H. S. Towner's note	25 73			
May 30. Estate of Hon. Erastus Fairbanks, by Messrs. Horace and Franklin Fairbanks, Administrators		500 00		
June 15. Estate of Mr. Silas C. French, by Hon. C. W. Willard, Administrator	$1100			

☞ The moneys paid to the Secretary, at the Annual Meeting at Springfield, came too late to be embraced in the above receipts, as the account for the year closed on the 18th of June. They will appear in the next annual report.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

C. W. STORRS, *Treasurer*,

In account with the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society.

DEBIT.

To balance in Treasury as by last Annual Report	$441 09
To received on demands, stock and lands	241 84
To received from Itinerant fields	1,159 05
To received from Cent Societies	524 52
To received from legacies	2,200 00
To received from donations and collections of churches	7,829 36
	$12,395 86

CREDIT.

By paid for printing Annual Report and distributing same	$153 47	
By paid for printing blanks	6 50	
By paid Secretary's salary	1,200 00	
By paid Secretary's expenses	200 00	
By paid for stationery and postage	28 37	
By paid American Home Missionary Society	225 00	
By paid order of Secretary on Ordinary Department	8,114 86	
By balance in hands of Treasurer on settlement this day	2,467 66	
		$12,395 56

C. W. STORRS, *Treasurer.*

Montpelier, June 17, 1871.

MONTPELIER, June 17, 1871.

I have examined the foregoing accounts, and compared the same with vouchers presented, and find them correct;—the Treasurer having charged himself with balance on hand in June, 1870, to wit: $441 09
And with receipts during the year 11,954 77

Making a total of $12,395 86
And credited himself with disbursements to the amount of 9,928 20

Leaving on hand to be hereafter accounted for $2,467 66

J. A. PAGE, *Auditor.*

There is in the care of the Treasurer the following notes, bonds, stocks and estate:

Due from C. W. Storrs, Treasurer, for Wm. W. Storrs' notes	$1,709 63
The William Olvard farm	1,029 10
4 notes against H. S. Towner	460 17
10 " " F. A. Murry	1,238 59
3 " " F. Butterfly	383 00
1 " " Ebenezer Davis	267 02
Secured amply on real estate.	
22 shares Preferred Stock in Conn. and Pas. Rivers R. R.	2,266 00
2 State of Maine Bonds	1,500 00
2 Pas. R. Railroad Bonds	1,500 00
1 U. S. Bond	500 00
1 " "	100 00
1 " "	100 00
Claim against the estate of I. Bowdish	159 00
Coupons now due	219 00
	$9,821 88

Montpelier, June 17, 1871. C. W. STORRS, *Treasurer.*

MONEYS SENT TO THE PARENT SOCIETY.

Receipts as acknowledged in the American Home Missionary during the year ending June 1, 1871, *which have not passed through our Treasury.*

June, 1870.	CHELSEA—Dea. S. Douglass	$30 00
"	WEST HARTFORD—Rev. A. Heminway	5 00
"	WESTMINSTER—J. Chapin, $25; F. E. Haywood, $10	35 00
"	WOODSTOCK—Legacy of Mrs. A. C. Burnell	800 00
July.	FRANKLIN—Church	12 00
"	GRAFTON—Caroline B. Aiken	10 00
"	ST. ALBANS—Mrs. M. Gorham	30 00
"	WOODSTOCK—Legacy of Mrs. A. C. Burnell	26 67
Sept.	ST. ALBANS—Sewing Society	7 50
Oct.	BRATTLEBORO—A. Van Dorn	3 00
"	FAIR HAVEN—Church	30 00
"	MIDDLEBURY—J. W. B.	1 00
"	ST. ALBANS—B. B. Nelson	2 00
"	WELLS RIVER—Church and society	15 50
Nov.	BRIDPORT—Legacy of Mrs. T. Allis	94 00
Dec.	WINDSOR EAST—A friend	5 00
"	SPRINGFIELD—A friend	10 00
Jan., 1871.	BENSON—J. Kent	2 00
"	GEORGIA—Ladies' Sewing Society	5 00
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Mrs. E. C. Hazen, " "
Rev. S. L. Herrick, *Grinnell, Iowa.*
Rev. E. E. Higbee.
Rev. Milo J. Hickok, *Scranton, Pa.*
Rev. E. W. Hooker, D. D., *Newburyport, Ms.*
Rev. W. E. Howes.
Mrs. J. W. Howes, *Montreal, C. E.*
Mrs. Jemima Hoyt, *Springfield, Mass.*
Rev. J. W. Hough, *Saginaw, Mich.*
Mrs. Sarah H. Hough, " "
Rev. Azariah Hyde.
Mrs A. Hyde.
Rev. J. T. Hyde, *Chicago, Ill.*
Mrs. J. T. Hyde, " "
B. F. Hubbard, *Stanstead, C. E.*
J. Hubbard, *Sandwich, N. H.*
Rev. Nathan Hurd.
Rev. David A. Jones.
†Rev. T. H. Johnson.
Rev. William R. Joslyn, *Oregon.*
Rev. R. S. Kendall, *Lenox, Mass.*
Mrs. Lucretia H. Kendall.
Rev. B. Labaree, *Andover, Mass.*
Mrs. S. F. Labaree, " "
Mrs. Julia Lamb, *Springvale, Wis.*
Rev. Cephas A. Leach, *Payson, Ill.*
Miss Frances Leach.
Shepherd Leach, *Rockford, Ill.*
Mrs. Phebe Leach, " "
Mrs. Isabella Lounsberry, *Hartford, Conn.*
Mrs. A. Lovell.
Rev. Enoch Mead *Davenport, Iowa.*
Rev. Eldridge Mix, *Orange, N. J.*
Rev. J. Morse, *Stewartstown, N. H.*
Chester Marsh, *Watertown.*
Rev. Joseph Marsh.
Miss S. C. Moulton.

¶Rev. M. A. Munson, *Massachusetts.*
Mrs. Rev. P. J. H. Myers.
†Dea. Moses Noyes.
†Miss Sally Noyes.
Rev. C. C. Parker, *Gorham, Me.*
Rev. S. Parkinson, *Massachusetts.*
Rev. S. Parmelee, D. D., *New York.*
Charles Partridge.
Mrs. Charlotte Perkins, *Oroomiah, Persia.*
R. L. Perkins, Esq., *Boston, Mass.*
Mrs. Mary C. Perkins, " "
Mrs. Julia A. Perry, *New Hampshire.*
S. N. Perry, *Walpole, N. H.*
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William Putnam, Esq., *Massachusetts.*
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Mrs. A. Rood, *Niles, Mich.*
George W. Root, *Connecticut.*
Burton G. Sandborn.
Rev. George E. Sanborne.
Mrs. Anne E. Sanborne.
Rev. J. D. Sands, *Keosaque, Iowa.*
Rev. H. H. Saunderson, *Charlestown, N. H.*
Mrs. Eliza C. Saunderson, " "
Rev. Charles Scott, *Rhode Island*
Rev. N. Seaver, D. D , *Brooklyn, N. Y.*
Mrs. Maria C. Scales, *Plainfield, N. H.*
Rev. John Scott.
Rev. Calvin Selden, *Jersey City, N. J.*
Rev. Thomas Shepard.
Dea. Charles Smith.
Miss Mary S. Southmayd, *C. W.*
Mrs. Eliza Starr.
Marshall B. Stebbins, *Charlestown, Mass.*
Henry A. Stebbins, " "
Mrs. Eliza Stebbins, " "
Mrs. Prof. Stoddard.
Mrs. S. M. Stone, *New Hampshire.*
Rev. R. S. Storrs, D. D., *Braintree, Mass.*
Mrs. C. S. Swift, *Massachusetts.*
Rev. Chauncey Taylor, *Algoma, Wis.*
Rev. Eli W. Taylor.
†Rev. Lathrop Taylor, *Farmington, Ill.*
Rev. Preston Taylor.
Rev. L. L. Tilden, *Troy, N. Y.*
Rev. John Thompson.
Rev. C. B. Tracy, *New Hampshire.*
Rev. George F. Tyler, D. D., *Maine.*
Mrs. Sophronia Turner, *Franklin, Ohio.*
Prof. A. C. Twining.
Mrs. Prof. Twining.
Mrs. Pliny H. White, *Amherst, Mass.*
Miss Margaret E. White, "
William H. White, "
Rev. F. L. Whiting.
Mrs. Mary Whiting,
Mrs. J. E. Wright, *Boston, Mass,*
Rev. Solomon Williams.
Rev. I. R. Worcester, *Auburndale, Mass.*
Mrs. M. S. Worcester, " "
Enoch Ward, *Plymouth, N. H.*
Mrs. Harriet S. Ward, "

† Life Members of the American Home Missionary Society.
¶ Life Directors of the American Home Missionary Society.
The names of all Life Members who are known to have died have been omitted.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

VERMONT DOMESTIC MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

ARTICLE I.—This society shall be known by the name of the *Vermont Domestic Missionary Society.*

ART. II.—This society shall consist of life-members who have paid twenty dollars at one time, of delegates from auxiliary societies, and of members of the General Convention; and all persons who have contributed to the funds of the society within a year, may be received as members by a vote or general acquiescence.

ART. III.—The object of this society shall be to supply the destitute towns of this State with a preached gospel by the labors of missionaries, and to aid the American Home Missionary Society.

ART. IV.—The officers of this society shall be elected at the annual meeting, and shall consist of a President, Vice President, twelve Directors, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, and Auditor. In addition to the twelve Directors, the President and the Corresponding Secretary shall be members of the Board, *ex officio.*

ART. 5.—The President, and in case of his absence the senior Vice President, shall preside at all the meetings of the society. The Directors shall appoint and direct missionaries, shall have the control of the funds to promote the objects of the society, and shall make a report at each annual meeting. The Corresponding Secretary shall superintend the correspondence of the society, and record the proceedings of the Board of Directors. The Recording Secretary shall record the proceedings of the society. The Treasurer shall keep the moneys of the society, give bonds for the faithful execution of the duties of his office, and make a report at each annual meeting. The Directors may appoint missionaries, and transact any other necessary business, by a select committee chosen from their own members. No person shall be employed as missionary who is not furnished with satisfactory testimonials of good Christian character and theological attainments.

ART. VI.—There shall be an annual meeting of the society, and addresses delivered, at such time and place as the society, by their regulations, shall establish.

The object of this society cannot be changed, but this constitution may be amended (on a proposal of the Directors) at any annual meeting, by two thirds of the members present.

LEGACIES TO THE V. D. M. SOCIETY.

FORM OF BEQUEST.

I bequeath to my executors the sum of——— dollars in trust, to pay over the same, in———after my decease, to the person who, when the same is payable, shall act as Treasurer of the VERMONT DOMESTIC MISSIONARY SOCIETY, to be applied to the charitable uses and purposes of said society.

SPECIAL NOTICE TO MISSIONARIES.

The Directors of the VERMONT DOMESTIC MISSIONARY SOCIETY, having been embarrassed and retarded in their business, in consequence of the negligence of some of the missionaries to make their reports until a few days before the annual meeting, think it expedient to pass the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is required of all missionaries, appointed by this Board, to make quarterly returns, and that *in all cases*, they return their annual reports to the Secretary by the first day of June. All who violate this rule are to expect the quarterly payment will be suspended three months.

BRANDON, June 24th, 1858.

RESOLUTIONS OF THE BOARD OF DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

1. *Resolved*, That the standard rate per cent. upon their grand lists, which churches shall be required to pay towards supporting their own ministers, in order to be entitled to receive aid from the society, be one hundred and twenty-five, instead of one hundred per cent., as heretofore; leaving the Executive Committee, however, with discretionary power to vary from this where peculiar circumstances shall seem to them to demand it.

2. In view of the insufficiency of the salaries of many of the ministers of the aided churches:

Resolved, That the Board will co-operate with those aided churches in increasing their ministers' salary, who will increase their own subscription for his support to one hundred and fifty per cent.

The Board were led to these resolutions by such considerations as the following, viz:

1. Owing to the increased price of labor and produce, while the grand list remains the same, churches can pay one hundred and fifty per cent. now, more easily than they could one hundred per cent. in former years.

2. Many of the churches which are not aided, pay as high or higher than the rate named in the above resolutions, for the support of their own ministers; and, in addition to that, contribute to the funds of this society; and it would seem unreasonable and unjust to take their contributions and appropriate them to aid churches which do not pay as high, or nearly as high, towards supporting the gospel among themselves.

3. It is found that those churches which voluntarily and cheerfully pay the most liberally, according to their means, for the support of the gospel, are the most prosperous, both as respects their spiritual and external affairs. And it is believed that the rate per cent. named in the resolution is no higher than Christians ought to tax themselves for the support of religion,— that to do much less would be to withhold more than is meet, which tendeth to both spiritual and temporal poverty.

4. The impossibility of extending operations to the numerous churches and communities which are still destitute in our State, without greater liberality and self-denial on the part of both the aided and unaided churches, is another strong reason, and one which is is believed will commend itself to every candid mind.

It is hoped that no feeble church will be disheartened by this action of the Board; but rather that it will be stirred up to greater effort, and after doing the best it can, let its case be known to the Executive Committee.

MONTPELIER, June 23, 1854.

DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

APPLICATIONS FOR AID.

Every application, to the VERMONT DOMESTIC MISSIONARY SOCIETY for aid, should be made by a committee authorized to act in behalf of the church or society, or both. The application must contain answers to the following questions:

1. Name of the minister to be employed?
2. Number of members of the church?
3. Amount of the grand list of the church?
4. Amount paid by the church for preaching?
5. Amount paid by those not belonging to the church?
6. Least amount of aid that will suffice from this society?
7. What number usually attend public worship?
8. What proportion of the church take decided ground in favor of the Temperance cause?
9. How long before preaching can be sustained without charitable aid?
10. Is the church or society in debt for past ministerial labors? If so, to what amount, and to whom?
11. From what date is aid asked?
12. Is aid expected from any other source?

All applications for aid should be approved by the Association within whose bounds they arise (or by a committee of such body). Except in special cases, grants will not go back of the date of the application. It is very desirable that all churches receiving aid from the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society, should so arrange their contracts with their minister that the year may commence on the first of June, so that all applications for the RENEWAL OF A GRANT may be made at that time, as the Board can then act upon them at their annual meeting.

Appropriations are made for a period, not exceeding twelve months, from the date of application. If further aid is needed, a new application must be made, containing all of the above mentioned particulars, and be properly endorsed and recommended.

☞ It is hoped that every feeble church will preserve a copy of these directions, and invariably comply with them in every application for aid. Address,

REV. C. S. SMITH, *Corresponding Secretary*,
MONTPELIER, VT.

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VERMONT EDUCATION SOCIETY.

The Vermont Education Society held its Fifty-First Annual Meeting at Springfield, June 21, 1871.

The senior Director, Rev. ALFRED STEVENS, presided.

Prayer was offered by Rev. S. S. NICKERSON.

Rev. Messrs. MAGILL, WILD and FISK were appointed a committee to nominate officers for the ensuing year.

The Report of the Treasurer was presented.

The Report of the Directors was then read by the Secretary, and accepted by the Society, after interesting addresses by Rev. Messrs. N. MIGHILL, W. S. PALMER, W. T. HERRICK, and Rev. C. C. PARKER, D. D., of Gorham, Me.

It was voted to amend the Constitution in Article 7th, so that it shall read: "There shall be an annual meeting of the Society at the time and place of the meeting of the General Convention of Congregational Ministers and Churches of Vermont."

The Nominating Committee presented the names of the following persons as officers for the next year, and they were elected:

President—Rev. H. D. KITCHEL, D. D.

Vice Presidents—Rev. W. H. LORD, D. D., Prof. M. H. BUCKHAM.

Secretary—Rev. A. B. DASCOMB.

Treasurer—C. F. THOMPSON.

Directors—Windham Association, Rev. A. STEVENS; Lamoille Association, Rev. J. G. BAILEY; Northwestern Association, Rev. H. C. RIGGS; Addison Association, Rev. M. L. SEVERANCE; White River Association, Rev. WILLIAM SEWALL; Orleans Association, Rev. A. W. WILD; Rutland Association, Rev. L. FRANCIS; Windsor Association, Rev. L. H. COBB; Royalton Association, Rev. E. E. HERRICK; Orange Association, Rev. J. K. WILLIAMS; Caledonia Association, Rev. J. TORREY; Winooski Association, Rev. G. B. SAFFORD; Bennington Association, Rev. R. S. CUSHMAN; Montpelier Association, Rev. J. COPELAND.

The exercises of the evening were interspersed with singing led by the choir of the Congregational church.

On motion, adjourned.

A. B. DASCOMB, *Secretary.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

VERMONT EDUCATION SOCIETY,

In account with C. M. WILLARD, *Treasurer.*

1870.		DEBIT.	
Aug.	2.	Paid H. D. Kitchel, Pres.	$175 00
		Paid M. H. Buckham	25 00
Oct.	31.	Paid H. D. Kitchel, Pres	200 00
		Printing Minutes	11 22
1871.			
Feb.	20.	Paid H. D. Kitchel, Pres	250 00
April	27.	Paid H. D. Kitchel, Pres	250 00
		Balance on hand	168 77
			$1,079 99

1870.		CREDIT.	
May	20.	By balance on hand	$279 95
	27.	Church and society, West Randolph.	8 27
June	2.	" " Bradford	14 00
		" " Westford	16 30
	22.	Rev. A. Stevens	10 00
July	14.	Church and society, Woodstock	70 37
Aug.	29.	" " Windsor	12 67
	30.	" " Hardwick	18 75
Sept.	27.	" " Norwich	14 00
Oct.	1.	" " Chester	16 00
	14.	" " West Hartford	7 00
Nov.	4.	" " Greensboro	22 00
		" " Newport	25 00
		" " Georgia & Lowell	27 00
	16.	" " 1st Burlington	30 60
		" " Bradford	19 73
		" " Windsor	3 00
	30.	" " Enosburgh	11 00
Dec.	12.	" " Barre Center	22 77
	29.	" " Williston	13 00
1871.			
Jan.	19.	" " Brattleboro	114 00
		" " Windham	20 25
		" " Fayetteville	9 12
Feb.	4.	" " Manchester	9 00
Mar.	11.	" " Orwell	13 00
	18.	" " Pittsford	25 75
	26.	" " Westford	17 70
April	11.	" " Swanton	17 00

April	27.	Draft on Amer. Education Society..		$43 99	
May	3.	Church and society, St. Albans.....		140 57	
		" "	Bakersfield.....	4 00	
	9.	" "	Sheldon.....	9 35	
	11.	" "	Coventry.....	14 85	
					$1,079 99

The following churches sent contributions to the treasury of the Parent Society :

Church and society, St. Albans.....	$78 75
" " Springfield.....	57 58
" " Saxton's River.....	4 50
St. Johnsbury (a friend)	2 00
Church and society, Springfield.....	100 00
" " Clarendon.....	10 00
Benson (a friend).....	1 00
Church and society, Middlebury.....	34 25
North church and society, St. Johnsbury.....	35 42
	$323 50

RECEIPTS OF THE VERMONT EDUCATION SOCIETY EACH YEAR SINCE ITS ORGANIZATION.

Year.	Amount.	Year.	Amount.
1820.....	$1,367 95	1846.....	$117 73
1821.....	673 06	1847.....	135 70
1822.....	996 50	1848.....	654 39
1823.....	825 59	1849.....	12 15
1824.....	573 29	1850.....	153 45
1825.....	472 66	1851.....	238 46
1826.....	462 13	1852.....	433 11
1827.....	250 13	1853.....	504 93
1828.....	1,629 01	1854.....	196 81
1829.....	1,354 54	1855.....	490 77
1830.....	1,731 16	1856.....	738 68
1831.....	518 79	1857.....	814 16
1832.....	1,482 37	1858.....	574 09
1833.....	1,602 82	1859.....	309 33
1834.....	818 30	1860.....	383 90
1835.....	822 72	1861.....	168 71
1836.....	1,884 44	1862.....	211 55
1837.....	1,631 85	1863.....	460 90
1838.....	1,075 24	1864.....	833 86
1839.....	1,332 59	1865.....	457 35
1840.....	738 43	1866.....	394 82
1841.....	912 42	1867.....	830 22
1842.....	245 11	1868.....	457 16
1843.....	710 81	1869.....	844 83
1844.....	748 27	1870.....	1,036 00
1845.....	279 08	1871.....	1,079 99
		Total....	$38,331 71

ALPHABETICAL LIST OF MINISTERS,

WITH THEIR POST-OFFICE ADDRESS, AND THE NUMBER OF THE ASSOCIATION IN WHICH EACH NAME APPEARS IN THE STATISTICS.

P., PASTOR; A. P., ACTING PASTOR; W. C., WITHOUT CHARGE.

Abbott, Geo. N.	L.	South Newbury	15
Albee, Solon	Prof. M. C.	Middlebury	1
Amsden, S. H.	A. P.	West Dover	13
Anderson, James	W. C.	Cleveland, Ohio	2
Austin, Lewis A.	Teacher.	Manchester	2
Babbitt, James H.	P.	Waitsfield	6
Babcock, Daniel H.	A. P.	West Townshend	13
Bacon, William N.	P.	Shoreham	1
Bailey, John G.	P.	Hydepark	4
Baldwin, Joseph B.	A. P.	Weathersfield Center	14
Baldwin, Thomas	A. P.	Plymouth	14
Bartlett, Lyman	Missionary,	Turkey	4
Barton, Alanson S.	W. C.	Middlebury	1
Bates, S. Lysander	P.	Underhill	15
Bates, Philander	A. P.	Ludlow	14
Birge, Eben C.	W. C.	Underhill	15
Bittinger, John Q.	A. P.	Hartland	12
Bogue, Horace P. V.	P.	Vergennes	1
Bourne, James R.	P.	West Rutland	11
Bowen, William C.	A. P.	Wardsboro	13
Bradford, Moses B.	W. C.	McIndoes Falls	3
Bradford, Dana B.	A. P.	St. Albans Bay	7
Brainerd, Ezra	Prof. M. C.	Middlebury	1
Brastow, Lewis O.	P.	St. Johnsbury	3
Brown, Josiah W.	W. C.	Westboro, Mass	2
Buckham, James	W. C.	Burlington	15
Buckham, Matthew H.	Pres. U.Vt.	Burlington	15
Bushee, William A.	P.	Brookfield	10
Butler, Franklin	Editor	Windsor	12

Byington, George P.....A. P.....Westford.....15
Cady, Calvin B.....A. P.....Alburgh..... 7
Caldwell, James .....A. P.....Royalton.....10
Carpenter, E. Irvin....Secy. Vt. Bible Soc..White River Junction... 6
Chandler, Joseph ..... P. .....Brattleboro West.....13
Chandler, Augustus.....A. P.....Dummerstown 13
Chapman, Calvin.....A. P.....Windham 13
Chase, Levi G..... P. .....Dummerston.....13
Child, Willard, D. D..... .....Crown Point, N. Y.....11
Childs, Alexander C..... P. .....Charleston..... 9
Clark, Asa F.....A. P.....Peru 13
Clark, Charles W.....A. P.....Gaysville 10
Clark, Josiah B.....A. P.....Pittsfield.....10
Clark, Jacob S..... P. .....Morgan..... 9
Clark, Sereno D.....A. P.....Post Mills..... 8
Clark, William.....Missionary.....Milan 13
Clement, Jonathan, D. D....A. P.....Norwich.....12
Cobb, Levi H..... P. .....Springfield.....14
Cobleigh, Nelson F..... L. .....Marshfield 6
Comings, Elam J.....A. P.....Highgate 7
Connell, David.....A. P.....North Troy 9
Converse, John K.....W. C.....Burlington 15
Cook, Silas P..... P. .....Windsor.....14
Copeland, Jonathan.....A. P.....Waterbury..... 6
Crawford, Sidney..... P. .....Fair Haven 14
Cushman, Rufus S..... P. .....Manchester 2
Dascomb, Alfred B..... P. .....Woodstock.....12
Demeritt, John P.....A. P.....Pawlet.....14
Deming, Alonzo T.....A. P.....Newbury 8
Dickinson, Ferdinand W....A. P.....Coventry 9
Dike, Samuel W..... P. .....West Randolph 10
Dougherty, James, D. D.....W. C.....Johnson 4
Drake, Cyrus B., D. D..... P. .....Royalton 10
Drew, Stephen F.....A. P.....South Royalton 10
Dudley, S. M..... L. .....Peacham..... 3
Eaton, Joshua .....A. P.....Granby..... 5
Elliott, Lester H..... P. .....Winooski 15
Fairbanks, Edward T..... P. .....St. Johnsbury Center... 3
Fairbanks, Henry.....W. C.....St. Johnsbury..... 3
Field, Artemus C.....A. P.....Wilmington.....13

Ferrin, Clark E.	P.	Hinesburgh	15
Fisk, Perrin B.	A. P.	Lyndonville	3
Fleming, Archibald	W. C.	Constable, N. Y.	15
Foster, Amos	A. P.	Putney	13
Fuller, Joseph	W. C.	Vershire	9
Francis, Lewis	P.	Castleton	11
French, Lyndon S.	W. C.	Franklin	7
Fuller, H. F.	Teacher	St. Johnsbury	3
Garland, Joseph	A. P.	Rupert	9
Gay, Joshua S.	W. C.	Brookfield	11
Glines, Jeremiah	W. C.	Lunenburgh	5
Giddings, Solomon P.	W. C.	Washington, D. C.	14
Goodhue, Daniel	A. P.	Londonderry	13
Goodrich, John E.,	Teacher	Meriden, N. H.	15
Granger, Calvin	A. P.	Hubbardton	11
Griffin, Edward H.	P.	Burlington	15
Grout, Lewis	Agt. of A. M. A.	West Brattleboro	13
Hale, John G.	A. P.	Chester	14
Hall, Robert V.	W. C.	Newport	9
Hall, Samuel R., LL. D.	W. C.	Brownington	9
Hall, Russell T.	P.	Pittsford	11
Hamlin, Cyrus	P.	Bellows Falls	13
Hardy, Vitellus W.	L.	Morrisville	4
Harris, Leonard W.	A. P.	Lunenburgh	5
Hatch, Elias W.	P.	Berkshire East	7
Hazen, Austin	A. P.	Jericho Center	15
Hazen, William S.	P.	Northfield	6
Herrick, Edward E.	P.	Chelsea	13
Herrick, Horace	A. P.	Wolcott	4
Herrick, William T.	P.	Clarendon	11
Hickok, Henry P.	W. C.	Burlington	15
Higley, Harvey O.	W. C.	Castleton	11
Holman, Sidney	A. P.	East Weathersfield	14
Holmes, Henry M.	P.	Benson	11
Hooker, Edward P.	P.	Middlebury	1
Hosford, Isaac	W. C.	North Thetford	8
Houghton, James C.	W. C.	Burlington	15
Houghton, John C.	A. P.	Island Pond	4
Howard, Jabez T.	P.	Charleston West	9
Hubbard, Chauncey H.	A. P.	Bennington	2

Hubbard, Thomas S.	A. P.	Rochester	10
Humphrey, John P.	P.	St. Johnsbury East	3
Hungerford, Edward	L.	Burlington	15
Jennings, Isaac	P.	Bennington Center	2
Johnson, James G.	P.	Rutland	11
Kent, Cephas H.	P.	Ripton	1
Kitchel, Harvey D., D.D.	Pres. M. C.	Middlebury	1
Ladd, Alden	P.	Roxbury	6
Ladd, Daniel	W. C.	Middlebury	1
Leavitt, Harvey F.	A. P.	Middlebury	1
Lewis, Everett E.	L.	Bethel	10
Litch, Josiah L.	A. P.	Richmond	15
Lord, William H., D. D.	P.	Montpelier	6
Lyon, Amzi B.	A. P.	Ferrisburgh	1
McKeen, Silas, D. D.	A. P.	Bradford	8
McCollom, Julius C.	P.	Cambridgeport	13
Magill, Seagrove W.	P.	Cornwall	1
Marsh, Joseph	W. C.	Thetford	8
Marsh, Samuel	W. C.	Underhill	15
Marsh, Spencer	W. C.	Burlington	15
Martin, Solon	A. P.	Fairlee West	8
Maynard, Joshua L.	P.	Williston	15
Maynard, Ulric	W. C.	Castleton	11
Mighill, Nathaniel	P.	Brattleboro	13
Miller, Robert D.	A. P.	West Newbury	8
Miner, Ovid	A. P.	Poultney	11
Montgomery, Giles F.	Missionary	Marash	4
Morgan, Stillman	W. C.	Bristol	1
Morris, Ozias S.	A. P.	Tunbridge	10
Munsill, Joseph R.	A. P.	Franklin	7
Myrick, Osborn	A. P.	Middletown	11
Nichols, Ammi	W. C.	Braintree	10
Norcross, S. Gerard	A. P.	McIndoes Falls	3
Olmsted, Franklin W.	A. P.	Townshend East	13
Otis, Israel T.	A. P.	Brownington	9
Paine, Sewell	P.	Montgomery Center	7
Palmer, William S.	P.	Wells River	8
Parmelee, Moses P.	Missionary	Turkey	15
Pease, Aaron G.	W. C.	Rutland	12
Perkins, Sidney K. B.	P.	Glover	9

Perkins, Benjamin F.	A.	P.	Stowe	4
Phelps, Frederick B.		P.	Lowell	9
Pratt, Horace	A.	P.	Plainfield	6
Pratt, Parsons S.		P.	Dorset	2
Ranney, Timothy E.	A.	P.	West Charleston	9
Ranslow, Eugene J.	A.	P.	Swanton	7
Redfield, Charles	A.	P.	Arlington East	2
Riggs, Herman C.		P.	St. Albans	7
Rogers, John	A.	P.	Derby	9
Rustedt, Henry F.	A.	P.	Sudbury	11
Safford, George B.		P.	Burlington	15
Samson, Amos J.	W.	C.	St. Albans	7
Seabury, Edwin	A.	P.	Berlin	6
Searle, Richard T.		P.	Thetford	8
Seaton, Charles M.	A.	P.	Colchester	15
Severance, Milton L.		P.	Orwell	1
Sewall, William		P.	Norwich	12
Shattuck, Amos F.	A.	P.	Worcester	6
Shurtleff, Daniel	A.	P.	Fayetteville	13
Smith, Bezaleel	A.	P.	West Hartford	12
Smith, Azro A.	A.	P.	Irasburgh	9
Smith, Charles S.	Secy. Vt. D. M. S.		Montpelier	6
Smith, Eben	W.	C.	Middlebury	1
Somerville, W. C.	A.	P.	Newport	9
Southgate, Robert	A.	P.	Hartford	12
Southgate, Charles M.		P.	St. Johnsbury	3
Steele, Joseph	W.	C.	Middlebury	1
Steele, John	W.	C.	Middlebury	1
Stevens, Alfred		P.	Westminster	13
Stone, George	W.	C.	Troy	9
Stone, John F.	A.	P.	Montpelier	6
Stone, James P.	A.	P.	Danby	2
Stone, Levi H.	W.	C.	Castleton	11
Swift, Alfred B.	A.	P.	Enosburgh	7
Swift, Aurelius S.	W.	C.	Pittsfield	10
Tenney, Leonard	A.	P.	Barre	6
Tenney, Samuel G.	W.	C.	Springfield	14
Thayer, William W.	W.	C.	St. Johnsbury	3
Thompson, Charles W.		P.	Danville	3
Thyng, John H.	W.	C.	Brattleboro West	13

Tilden, Lucius L.	W. C.	Washington, D. C.	11
Tolman, George B.	W. C.	Winooski	7
Torrey, Charles C.	A. P.	Charlotte	15
Torrey, Henry A. P.	Prof. U. Vt.	Burlington	15
Torrey, Joseph	P.	Hardwick	3
Tuxbury, Franklin	P.	Brandon	11
Underwood, Joseph	A. P.	Burke East	3
Walker, Aldace, D. D.	P.	Wallingford	11
Ward, Earl J.	P.	Grafton	13
Watts, Lyman S.	A. P.	Barnet	3
Webber, Geo. N.,	Prof. M. C.	Middlebury	1
Wells, Moses H.	A. P.	Lower Waterford	3
Weston, Henry C.	P.	North Bennington	2
Wheeler, Orville G.	P.	South Hero	15
Wheelock, Edwin	P.	Cambridge	4
White, George H.	A. P.	Sharon	12
Wickham, Joseph D., D. D.	W. C.	Manchester	2
Wild, Azel W	P.	Greensboro	9
Wild, Daniel	P.	Fairfield	7
Wild, Edward P.	P.	Craftsbury	9
Wilder, J. C.	W. C.	Charlotte	15
Willard, Andrew J.	A. P.	Burlington	15
Williams, John K.	P.	Bradford	8
Williams, R. G.	W. C.	Castleton	11
Williams, Stephen	W. C.	Clarendon	11
Wilson, John G.	P.	Saxton's River	13
Winch, Caleb M.	A. P.	Corinth	6
Winchester, Warren W.	P.	Bridport	1
Woodward, John H.	A. P.	Milton	15
Worcester, John H., D. D.	W. C.	Burlington	15
Wright, Geo. F.	P.	Bakersfield	7

MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATIONS.

The following are the names and numbers of the Associations:

1. Addison.
2. Bennington.
3. Caledonia.
4. Lamoille.
5. Lancaster.
6. Montpelier.
7. North Western.
8. Orange.
9. Orleans.
10. Royalton.
11. Rutland.
12. White River.
13. Windham.
14. Windsor.
15. Winooski.

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THE GENERAL CONVENTION.

The Convention meets on the third Tuesday in June, annually. The Assembly's Shorter Catechism is its doctrinal standard. It is constituted as follows ;

Each County Conference may send three delegates—one minister and two laymen. Each Association may send two delegates, and if it has eight ordained resident ministers, it may send three, and an additional delegate for every four ordained resident ministers. The permanent officers of the Convention, the Preacher, Minister of the Parish, Delegates to and from Foreigh Bodies, Chairmen of Committees who have to report, the Officers of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society and Vermont Edncation Society, Members of Boards appointed by Convention, the persons appointed to prepare essays, and to lead in discussions, are also members *ex-officiis*. The officers of Convention are chosen annually, excepting the Register and Corresponding Secretary, who are elected for five years. The last election was in 1870. The Vermont Domestic Missionary Society and the Vermont Education Soeiety hold their Anniversaries in connection with the meeting of Convention.

OFFICERS, COMMITTEES,

AND

ARRANGEMENTS FOR NEXT ANNUAL MEETING.

OFFICERS OF THE GENERAL CONVENTION.

REV. ALDACE WALKER, D. D., Moderator, Wallingford.
REV. JOSEPH CHANDLER, Register, West Brattleboro.
REV. JOSEPH TORREY, Corresponding Secretary, East Hardwick
REV. PERRIN B. FISK, Scribe, Lyndonville.
REV. EDWARD P. WILD, Assistant Scribe, Craftsbury.
REV. W. S. HAZEN, Secretary of Sabbath Schools, Northfield.

OFFICERS OF THE VERMONT DOMESTIC MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

JAMES W. HIKOK, ESQ,. President, Burlington.
REV. CHARLES S. SMITH, Corresponding Secretary, Montpelier.
REV. LEONARD TENNEY, Recording Secretary Barre.
J. C. EMERY, ESQ. Treasurer, Montpelier.

OFFICERS OF THE VERMONT EDUCATION SOCIETY.

REV. H. D. KITCHELL, D. D., President, Middlebury.
PRES. M. H. BUCKHAM, Burlington,
HON. FREDERICK BILLINGS, Woodstock, } Vice Presidents.
REV. A. B. DASCOMB, Secretary, Woodstock.
DEA. C. F. THOMPSON, Treasurer, Brattleboro.

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES.

Fairbanks Board of Education.—Rev. E. T. Fairbanks, Rev. Aldace Walker, D. D., Rev. Henry Fairbanks, J. C. Emery, Esq., Rev. Joseph Torrey.

Fairbanks Board for the Relief of Ministers—Rev. H. F. Leavitt, Hon. J. B. Page, Thaddeus Fairbanks, Esq., J. G. Stimson, Esq., Dea. Amasa Woolson.

REPORTERS AND RECEIVERS.

Addison Conference—Rev. H. F. Leavitt; *Rutland and Bennington Conferece*—Rev. W. T. Herrick; *Chittenden Conference*—Rev. C. C. Torrey; *Caledonia Conference*—Rev. P. B. Fisk; *Lamoille Conference*—Rev. B. F. Perkins; *Lancaster Conference*—Rev. Joshua Eaton; *Washington Conference*—Rev. W. S. Hazen; *Franklin and Grand Isle Conference*—Rev. A. B. Swift; *Orange Conference*—Rev. John K. Williams; *Orleans Conference*—Rev. A. W. Wild; *Windsor Conference*—Rev. William Sewall; *Windham Conference*—Rev. C. Hamlin.

DELEGATES.

To M. E. Conference—Primary: Rev. William Sewall. Substitute: Rev. A. B. Swift.

To the Free Baptist Yearly Meeting—Primary: Rev. B. F. Perkins. Substitute: Rev. A. A. Smith.

To the Baptist Convention—Primary: Rev. M. L. Severance. Substitute: Rev. R. S. Cushman.

Place of next Annual Meeting—Middlebury, the third Tuesday in June, 1873.

Preacher—Rev. J. H. Worcester, D. D.; Substitute, Rev. N. Mighill.

Essay—"What is the proper ratio of Ethical to Doctrinal Preaching?"—Rev. C. W. Thompson.

Discussion—"The Roman Catholic question in its practical aspects in this State."—Rev. G. B. Safford; Substitute, Rev. R. T. Hall.

Committee to report on the proposed "Sustentation Fund"—Rev. H. T. Fuller, Rev. H. Fairbanks, Dea. C. F. Thompson.

MINUTES.

THE GENERAL CONVENTION OF CONGREGATIONAL MINISTERS AND CHURCHES OF VERMONT met with the 1st Church of Brattleboro, June 18, 1872.

The opening sermon was preached by Rev. L. H. COBB, of Springfield, from Matt. 26 : 8—"To what purpose is this waste?"

The following ministers and delegates presented their credentials, and were enrolled as members :

Addison Association———— ————.

Bennington Association—Rev. Messrs. J. D. WICKHAM, D. D., R. S. CUSHMAN.

Caledonia Association—Rev. Messrs. M. S. DUDLEY, J. P. HUMPHREY, M. H. WELLS.

Lamoille Association—Rev. V. M. HARDY.

Lancaster Association———— ————.

Montpelier Association—Rev. Messrs. J. H. BABBITT, C. M. WINCH, J. COPELAND.

North Western Association—Rev. Messrs. A. B. SWIFT, C. B. CADY.

Orange Association—Rev. Messrs. W. S. PALMER, J. K. WILLIAMS.

Orleans Association—Rev. Messrs. A. A. SMITH, E. P. WILD, F. W. DICKINSON.

Royalton Association—Rev. Messrs. SAMUEL W. DIKE, C. B. DRAKE, D. D., E. E. HERRICK.

Rutland Association—Rev. Messrs. W. T. HERRICK, F. TUXBURY.

White River Association—Rev. Messrs. JONATHAN CLEMENT, D. D., WILLIAM SEWALL.

Windham Association—Rev. Messrs. A. FOSTER, D. SHURTLEFF, O. C. DICKERSON.

Windsor Association—Rev. Messrs. J. B. BALDWIN, P. BATES.

Winooski Association—Rev. Messrs. G. B. SAFFORD, C. M. SEATON, GEORGE P. BYINGTON, C. C. TORREY.

Addison Conference—Rev. W. N. BACON, Bro. A. E. LEAVENWORTH.

Caledonia Conference——— ———.

Chittenden Conference.—Rev. J. L. MAYNARD, Bro. H. W. PRINDLE.

Essex and Coos Conference——— ———.

Franklin and Grand Isle Conference—Rev. J. E. RANSLOW, Dea. S. H. DOW, Dea. S. M. HULBERT.

Lamoille Conference—Rev. J. G. BAILEY, Dea. JOHN HOLMES.

Orange Conference—Rev. S. L. BATES, Bros. G. S. B. STEVENS, INSLEY DOW.

Orleans Conference—Rev. T. E. RANNEY, Dea. A. P. DUTTON, Dea. AMOS K. DRURY.

Rutland and Bennington Conference—Rev. H. M. HOLMES, Bro. HORACE ELLIS.

Washington Conference—Rev. E. SEABURY.

Windham Conference—Rev. F. W. OLMSTED.

Windsor Conference—Rev. J. G. HALE, Bro. E. F. WRIGHT.

MEMBERS EX-OFFICIIS.

Minister of the Parish—Rev. NATHANIEL MIGHILL.

Preacher—Rev. LEVI H. COBB.

Corresponding Secretary—Rev. JOSEPH TORREY.

Reyister—Rev. JOSEPH CHANDLER.

Corresponding Secretary of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society—Rev. CHARLES S. SMITH.

Recording Secretary—Rev. LEONARD TENNEY.

Secretary of Vermont Education Society—Rev. A. B. DASCOMB.

Sunday School Secretary—Rev. WILLIAM S. HAZEN.

Appointees of last meeting—Rev. Messrs. A. W. WILD, M. L. SEVERANCE, H. T. FULLER.

Fairbanks Board for Relief of Ministers—Rev. H. F. LEAVITT, THADDEUS FAIRBANKS, Esq., J. G. STIMSON, Dea. AMASA WOOLSON.

Fairbanks Education Board—Rev. Messrs. ALDACE WALKER, D. D., E. T. FAIRBANKS, HENRY FAIRBANKS.

DELEGATE TO THE GENERAL COUNCIL.

Rev. C. E. FERRIN.

DELEGATES FROM FOREIGN BODIES.

General Conference of Maine—Rev. E. H. BYINGTON.

Free Baptist Yearly Meeting—Rev. F. L. WILEY.

Secretary of the A. B. C. F. M.—Rev. JOSEPH EMERSON.

General Association of Wisconsin—Rev. ARTHUR LITTLE.

Vermont M. E. Conference—Rev. E. C. BASS.

The Convention was organized by electing

REV. ALDACE WALKER, D. D., *Moderator.*

REV. P. B. FISK, *Scribe.*

REV. E. P. WILD, *Assistant Scribe.*

Prayer was offered by the Moderator.

Dea. C. F. Thompson was elected Auditor of the Fairbanks Board.

Rev. N. Mighill welcomed the Convention to Brattleboro.

The hours of meeting were fixed at 8.30 A. M., 2.30 P. M., and 7.30 P. M., and the hours of adjournment at 12 M. and 5 P. M.

Adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Prayer was offered by Rev. A. Foster.

The rules of the Convention were read, and the usual committees were appointed, viz:

Committee of Overtures—Rev. Messrs. C. B. Drake, D. D., J. Copeland, J. K. Williams, Deas. A. K. Drury and S. M. Hulbert.

Committee to arrange for next meeting—Rev. Messrs. G. B. Safford, C. Hamlin, S. W. Dike, M. H. Wells, and R. S. Cushman.

Committee on Delegates to Foreign Bodies—Rev. Messrs. C. S. Smith, C. E. Ferrin, and A. W. Wild.

Committee on Assessments and Abatements—Bros. A. E. Leavenworth, H. W. Prindle, and Rev. S. L. Bates.

The Committee of Overtures were instructed to provide for the final adjournment of the Convention at noon on Thursday.

A report from the delegates to the Oberlin Council was called for, and Rev. C. E. Ferrin responded with a brief report of that Council.

Rev. J. B. Baldwin, delegate to the General Conference of Missouri, reported his communication with that body.

Rev. Henry Fairbanks presented the following report of the Fairbanks Education Board, which was accepted, viz:

REPORT OF THE FAIRBANKS EDUCATION BOARD.

[Note—See resolution on page 15.]

The following is a summary of the Treasurer's account:

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand, June 1, 1871	$123 71
Interest on investments	609 11
Refunded by Sidney T. Jenks	50 00

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid orders of beneficiaries	$415 00
Balance carried to new account	367 82

The unusually large balance on hand is owing to the fact that some to whom appropriations have been made were studying only part of the year.

Pastors will observe that new applications can be entertained, and that it is desirable to encourage promising young men to engage in preparing for the ministry.

In behalf of the Board,

EDWARD T. FAIRBANKS, *Chairman.*
HENRY FAIRBANKS, *Treasurer.*

The Committee on Delegates to Foreign Bodies reported the following resolution, which was adopted, viz:

Resolved, In view of the fact that through the National Council we expect in the future to hold correspondence as often as once in three years with the Congregational churches of our whole country, that we therefore cease to send delegates to any of the State Conferences and Associations; that our correspondence with the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church and the Congregational Union of Canada should be through the National Council; and that we will for the future only appoint delegates to the bodies of evangelical Christians in our State.

After singing "I love thy kingdom, Lord," the Corresponding Secretary, Rev. Joseph Torrey, read his report on the state of the churches, which report was accepted and adopted and ordered to be printed in the Minutes.

Rev. E. H. Byington, of the General Conference of Maine, and Rev. F. L. Wiley, of the Freewill Baptist Yearly Meeting, presented the salutations of their bodies, to which the Moderator made response.

Rev. H. F. Leavitt, for the Fairbanks Board for the Relief of Ministers, reported as follows:

REPORT OF THE FAIRBANKS BOARD FOR THE RELIEF OF NEEDY AND DESTITUTE CLERGYMEN.

The Fairbanks Board for the Relief of Needy and Destitute Clergymen respectfully submit the following report:

The incidents of the past year have been, as usual, characterized by mingled emotions of joy and sorrow—*sorrow* that so many of our fellow laborers in the vineyard of our Lord have left us and passed over the river,—of *joy*, that the period is so short when we, too, through grace Divine, shall be re-united with them before the throne of God and the Lamb.

Our Treasurer's report shows our receipts, including the balance of last year, to be	$1202 93
And our disbursements to be	831 15
Leaving in the treasury	$371 78

[The report also shows how the fund is kept, and how secured, and the number and the names of the persons aided, and the amount each has received.—*Scribe.*]

During the last year this board learned that the Rev. Richard C. Hand, a native of this State, and for many years a beloved and faithful pastor in our churches, and of whose character a more particular detail was given in your Minutes of last year, had left by will, to the American Bible Society, five Tennessee bonds, of $1,000 each, on certain conditions, acceptance of which with the conditions was to be signified to the executor of said Hand within one year from his decease, and in case of failure the same were to go to the Vermont Congregational Convention, to be added to the Joseph Fairbanks fund for the support of aged and infirm clergymen and their families, and to be subject to all the trusts and conditions and regulations governing the last named fund, and in the place of one Tennessee bond of $1,000 that the said Richard C. Hand had willed to this Convention independently. On receiving such information your board commenced and continued a long correspondence with the aforesaid executor, to ascertain definitely the facts in the case, and obtain, if possible, the possession of those bonds, and finally succeeded, and they were deposited in the National Bank of Middlebury, by direction of the board. Since such deposit, however, the said executor has informed your board that the revenue collector at Brooklyn, N. Y., claimed a revenue tax on said bonds, and he thought we ought to pay it. But by corresponding with the commissioner of revenue at Washington, and satisfying him, by your printed constitution and personal affidavit, that the objects of your association brought you within the recent statute, which modified the specifications of the former one, he directed the collector at Brooklyn to remit his claim. The bonds, at the time of receiving them, were worth only from sixty-five to sixty-six cents on a dollar in market, and are now worth from seventy-two to seventy-three, and rising, and on the first of July next there will be $600 in coupons due and unpaid. But the market is still bad, and the executor advises us to hold on to them, and not to force a sale, as Tennessee will not repudiate, and although she may try to depress the market when ready to pay, yet this effort would be of short continuance, and then they would be redeemed at par. The only drawback your board can conceive by this course is the loss of interest on the unpaid coupons. Three of the bonds are payable January 1, 1892, and two of them, January 1, 1898, with semi-annual interest, due 1st of January and 1st of July, of $30 each. The Convention will observe that there is one feature in this will that differs a little from the will of Mr. Fairbanks. It includes the families, or the widows and orphans, of deceased ministers. And this is emphatically the dawning of a brighter day for them—a light from Heaven, that will cheer the heart of the poor minister as death calls him to give up his beloved wife and children to the charities of a cold and selfish world.

But farther, your board, in order to obtain the aforesaid bonds, have had to sign a bond to said executor to procure from your body your written acceptance of such legacy, and your written pledge that said funds shall be permanently and safely invested, and the annual income of the same devoted to the several objects designated.

All of which is respectfully submitted, in behalf of the Fairbanks Board for the relief of Indigent and Infirm Clergymen.

H. F. LEAVITT.

Adjourned.

EVENING SESSION.

After prayer, the report of the Treasurer of the Fairbanks Board for the Relief of Ministers was made, as follows, viz:

TREASURER'S REPORT OF THE FAIRBANKS FUND FOR THE RELIEF OF NEEDY AND DESTITUTE CLERGYMEN.

Fairbanks Board for the Relief of Ministers,
In account with J. G. STIMSON, *Treasurer.*

CREDIT.

By balance in treasury, as per Auditor's report	$541	11
Receipts (interest)	661	82
Total	$1,202	93

DEBIT.

Appropriations, drafts, postage	$831	15
Balance in treasury	371	78
Total	$1,202	93

[It was also shown that the fund was well secured, and the Auditor's certificate was appended in due form.—*Scribe.*]

Moneys received for Widows and Orphans,
In account with J. G. STIMSON, *Treasurer.*

CREDIT.

1871. June 20.	By bal. in treasury, as per Auditor's Report	$510	40
1872. Feb. 29.	By cash, 3d Cong. Church, Burlington	15	00
Jan. 1.	By bank dividends to date	47	93
	Total	$573	33

DEBIT.

Appropriated according to the intent of the donor	$236	50
Balance in treasury	336	83
Total	$573	33

J. G. STIMSON, *Treasurer.*

I have examined the foregoing account of J. G. Stimson, Treasurer, and find the same to be correct, with the proper vouchers.

C. F. THOMPSON, *Auditor.*

Brattleboro, June 18, 1872.

The report was accepted.

The Committee of Overtures reported the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That the General Convention recommend the churches to contribute for the evangelization of nominal Christians through the A. B. C. F. M., instead of through the A. & F. C. U.

The committee also reported a recommendation that the Sabbath School anniversary be held this evening, which was adopted.

The Sabbath School Secretary, Rev. W. S. Hazen, then read his report, and after singing an appropriate hymn, remarks were made with regard to the Sabbath School work, by Rev. Messrs. Bacon, Tenney, Wild, Byington, Palmer, Dudley, Hale, Cady, Copeland, Fairbanks, Fisk, Leavitt, and Severance, after which the Secretary's report was accepted, adopted, and ordered to be printed in the Minutes.

Prayer was offered by Dr. Clement, and Convention adjourned.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

From 6 to 7 A. M. the Convention held a season of prayer, which was conducted by Rev. H. M. Holmes, and at half past 8 met for business.

Prayer was offered by Rev. L. Tenney.

The roll was called, and the Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

Rev. Messrs. H. M. Holmes, R. S. Cushman, and L. Tenney, were appointed a committee to nominate the Fairbanks Boards for the ensuing year.

The following appointments were made in the list of Receivers and Reporters, viz :—

Rev. P. B. FISK, for Caledonia Conference.

Rev. C. C. TORREY, for Chittenden Conference.

Rev. A. B. SWIFT, for Franklin and Grand Isle Conference.

Rev. B. F. PERKINS, for Lamoille Conference.

Rev. W. T. HERRICK, for Rutland and Bennington Conference.

Rev. C. HAMLIN, for Windham Conference.

The resolution previously offered, relating to contributions for the evangelization of nominally Christian countries, was called up and discussed, and it was voted to lay the resolution on the table.

Adjourned at 10 o'clock, to give place to the anniversary of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Lord's Supper was administered, Rev. Messrs. W. T. Herrick and G. B. Safford officiating at the table.

The following theme was discussed by the appointees, Rev. Messrs. A. W. Wild and M. L. Severance, viz: The influence of Christian mothers, through their children, upon the cause of Christ.

The Treasurer of the Convention made his report, which was accepted, viz:

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Vermont General Convention in account with J. CHANDLER, *Treas.*

1871.		CREDIT.		
June 21.	Cash on hand			$215 90
Sept. 7.	Received from	Windham Conference		26 21
1872.				
June 13.	"	" Windsor Conference		33 09
18.	"	" Addison Conference		24 54
	"	" Caledonia Conference		22 01
	"	" Chittenden Conference		19 14
	"	" Essex and Coos Conference		3 45
	"	" Frank. and Gr. Isle Conference.		15 24
	"	" Orange Conference		23 29
	"	" Orleans Conference		17 11
	"	" Rut. and Benn. Conference		42 35
	"	" Washington Conference		17 26
	"	" Lamoille Conference		6 31
				$465 90

1871.	DEBIT.		
June 22.	Postage of Sab. School Society	$3 30	
	Postage of Treasurer	30	
July 22.	Printing blanks	2 50	
Aug. 25.	Printing Minutes, in part	215 00	
	Draft	25	
Sept. 11.	Printing Minutes, additional	30 00	
1872.			
Jan. 16.	Balance of printing	26 70	
June 14.	Express charge on tickets	25	
18.	Postage of Corresponding Secretary	3 05	
	Postage and printing, Sab. Sch. Sec'y.	5 71	
	Cash on hand	178 84	
			$465 90

On motion of Rev. A. Chandler, it was voted that the assessment upon the Conferences for the ensuing year be $350.

The Fairbanks Board for the Relief of Ministers reported resolutions, as follows:

Resolved, First, that the General Convention of Congregational Ministers and Churches of Vermont do hereby very gratefully accept the five Tennessee bonds given by the will of Rev. RICHARD C. HAND, late of Brooklyn, N. Y., to it, in trust, for the relief of ministers and their families, and we hereby authorize the Moderator and Scribe of Convention to receive and receipt for the same in behalf of this Convention.

Resolved, Secondly, that the Fairbanks Board for Relieving Ministers be a board for the disbursement of the annual income of these bonds, in accordance with the will of Mr. Hand, and the discretion given to this board by this Convention.

The Committee of Overtures presented the following resolution, which was adopted, viz:

Resolved, That the names of beneficiaries of the Fairbanks Board be no longer published in the Minutes.

The committee appointed to nominate the Fairbanks Boards reported as follows, viz:

Fairbanks Board of Education—Rev. E. T. Fairbanks, Rev. Aldace Walker, D. D., Rev. Henry Fairbanks, J. C. Emery, Esq., and Rev. Joseph Torrey.

Fairbanks Board for the Relief of Ministers—Rev. H. F. Leavitt, Hon. John B. Page, Thaddeus Fairbanks, Esq., J. G. Stimson, Esq., and Dea. Amasa Woolson.

Adjourned.

EVENING SESSION.

Rev. H. T. Fuller presented a report in behalf of the Committee on Classical Education.

On motion of Rev. W. Sewall, the Convention voted to lay the report on the table, and take a recess to give place to the anniversary of the Vermont Education Society.

THURSDAY MORNING.

A prayer meeting was held at six o'clock, conducted by Rev. W. N. Bacon.

The Convention met for business at half past eight.

Prayer was offered by Rev. E. Seabury.

The roll was corrected, and the Minutes of [illegible]

The Committee on Appointments to Fill Vacancies reported as follows:

Delegates to the M. E. Conference—Primary: Rev. W. Sewall. Substitute: Rev. A. B. Smith.

Delegates to the F. W. Baptist Yearly Meeting—Primary: Rev. B. F. Perkins. Substitute: Rev. A. A. [illegible]

Delegates to the Baptist Convention—Primary: Rev. A. [illegible] erance. Substitute: Rev. R. S. [illegible]

The chairman of the Committee of Overtures reported the following resolution, which was adopted, viz:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed [illegible] and report next year upon the expediency of [illegible] vide a "Sustentation Fund" for the [illegible] gational ministers of this State, and [illegible] ing and managing such a fund.

The nomination of the committee proposed in this resolution was referred to the Committee of Arrangements for next meeting.

The report of the Committee on Classical Education, presented last evening, was accepted.

Rev. Messrs. J. Torrey, P. B. Fisk, and C. S. Smith, were appointed a committee to attend to the printing of the Minutes.

The following resolutions were introduced, and after some discussion, adopted, viz :

WHEREAS, Intemperance is an insidious and obstinate hindrance to the progress of Christ's kingdom in our State,

Resolved, First, that this Convention earnestly recommend to the ministers of our churches to present the duty of Temperance more prominently from their pulpits, and to urge the principle of Total Abstinence upon all the members of their congregations.

Resolved, Secondly, that Christians should so exercise the right of suffrage as to show that the votes of church members cannot be had for men of intemperate habits.

Rev. Arthur Little, of Wisconsin, presented the salutations of the Conference of his State, and Rev. E. C. Bass those of the M. E. Conference of this State,—to each of whom the Moderator made response. A letter was also read from Rev. William A. Robinson, the delegate appointed by the General Association of New York.

The Committee of Arrangements for the next Meeting reported as follows, viz :

Place of Meeting—Middlebury.

Preacher—Rev. J. H. Worcester, D. D. Substitute—Rev. N. Mighill.

Committee on the proposed Sustentation Fund—Rev. Messrs. H. T. Fuller, H. Fairbanks, Dea. C. F. Thompson.

Discussion—The Roman Catholic question in its practical aspects in this State—By Rev. G. B. Safford. Substitute : Rev. R. T. Hall.

Essay—The proper ratio of ethical to doctrinal preaching—By Rev. C. W. Thompson.

On motion of Rev. P. B. Fisk, the following resolution was adopted, viz .

Resolved, That the cordial thanks of this body are tendered to the good people of Brattleboro for their abounding hospitality during the present sessions, and to the choir for their very acceptable services—also to the railroad companies for free return tickets.

The Committee on Assessments reported as follows, viz :

To the General Convention :

Your Committee on Abatements and Assessments would respectfully report the following apportionment of the assessment ordered by your vote of the 19th inst. The basis taken is the

number of members given as present in the churches, in the printed report of 1871.

Addison Conference	$36 20
Caledonia Conference	34 05
Chittenden Conference	28 83
Essex and Coos Conference	3 98
Franklin and Grand Isle Conference	21 68
Lamoille Conference	8 95
Orange Conference	35 92
Orleans Conference	24 25
Rutland and Bennington Conference	57 37
Washington Conference	22 39
Windham Conference	36 11
Windsor Conference	40 27
	$350 00

ABEL E. LEAVENWORTH,
HENRY W. PRINDLE.
S. L. BATES,
Committee.

The Committee of Arrangements reported as recommendations, that an occasional prayer be offered in meetings, that the rule limiting the time of essayists and leaders in discussions be strictly observed, and that the programme of the next meeting specify the hours on which the different exercises will come.

Prayer was offered by the Scribe, and, after singing the doxology, the Convention adjourned.

ALDACE WALKER, *Moderator.*

PERRIN B. FISK, *Scribe.*

EDWARD P. WILD, *Assistant Scribe.*

SABBATH SCHOOL REPORT.

IT is a question whether the adult conversions, in most of our churches, are equal in number to the removals. If, therefore, we trust to them solely for reinforcements, we leave the church to decline. Evidently, then, the hope of the Church is with the children. They must be brought to Christ before becoming fixed in sin. This seems to have been God's plan from the first. Through Moses, he spake, "These words which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart, and thou shalt teach them diligently to thy children." And in the Psalms we read, "The Lord established a testimony in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel, which He commanded our fathers that they should make them known to their children, that they might set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments." Christ gave a special invitation to children, and laid his hands upon them. Accordingly, that is an increasingly useful church, which, following the spirit of these instructions, obeys the command of the Master, to feed His lambs, and gathers them in large numbers into its fold. One important instrumentality by which it may perform this work is the Sabbath School. It is well for us, then, to review our Sabbath School work, that we may know what we have done, what is to be done, and how we may improve our methods of working.

Blanks for reports have been sent to all our Sabbath Schools, but only ninety-four have responded to them. The reports received come from all parts of the State, so that, though Orange, Orleans and Washington counties are most fully represented, we can form from them a very just estimate of what our churches are doing in this department of Christian labor.

Ninety-three schools report eleven hundred and forty-four teachers; eighty, with ten hundred and nine teachers, report an average attendance of seven hundred and eighty-eight. Ninety-three schools report the whole number of scholars as eleven thousand eight hundred and fifty, while eighty-eight which report eleven thousand four hundred and forty-two scholars report an average attendance of only five thousand nine hundred and seventy. Fifty report three hundred and fifty-three conversions, while forty-

three do not report any. Sixty-three report four hundred and sixty-two additions to the church, and thirty report none. Eighty-one schools, which report the whole number of scholars as nine thousand eight hundred and ten, report four thousand seven hundred and twenty-four, or not quite one half, as over eighteen years of age. Fifty-seven observe the concert, while thirty-four do not. One school has some concert exercises at each session, and the pastor of one school preaches to it regularly once in two months. Fifty-eight schools use the National series of Sabbath School lessons, and thirty-five do not. Thirty-six hold teachers' meetings and fifty-seven do not. Seventy-three give the amount of their contributions as five thousand and seventy dollars and seventeen cents.

I regret that more of the Superintendents have not given, in their reports, facts or suggestions of interest as to their Sabbath School work, which would have added much to the interest of this report. From the few who have done so, I gather the following: The Sabbath School in Weston has greatly improved its library by taking out old, and putting in new books. It has raised during the year, by penny collections and by subscriptions, seventy dollars and fifty cents, which has been expended for the school. The Superintendent says: "As our church is a mission church, we shall need the most of our money in it for the present. I hope that in a few years, we shall be able to help others as we have been helped. God helping us, we will do so."

From Brattleboro the Superintendent writes: "The interest in the school is quite promising. I notice that when we have a deep interest in our prayer meetings, there is a corresponding interest in studying the Bible; and my observation leads me to think that the first thing to be sought in this, as in other Christian work, is the baptism of the Spirit. Other things, machinery, &c., of the school, will take care of themselves, and are of comparatively little importance."

At Middletown, as a means of exciting interest, "The report of the Secretary is read each Sabbath, giving the number present, the names of absent teachers, and of new scholars, if any. A full report is made out quarterly, and read at the concert, giving the names of teachers and scholars who have not been absent, average attendance, &c."

One of the first inquiries suggested by the reports as presented, is, whether the difference between the whole number of scholars and the average attendance is not too great. The schools which have eleven thousand four hundred and forty-two scholars have an average attendance of five thousand nine hundred and seventy, or only a little more than one half the whole number. Certainly,

one would naturally expect the average to be greater, and the more so, since the majority of the scholars are of that age when they do not ordinarily have cares which would furnish even the shadow of an excuse for staying at home. Moreover, they are anxious to go wherever there is anything of interest to attract them, and especially on the Sabbath, which is too often, and perhaps not without reason, regarded by them as a very dull day. We must look then for the cause of this small average, in a great measure, outside of the scholars.

Are the parents sufficiently interested? Do they take sufficient pains to prepare their children for the school, and encourage them to be regular and prompt in their attendance? Do they teach them to feel that on the Sabbath the church is the place for them? Instead of trying to help the children remove the slight obstacles which appear in the way of their attendance, do they not yield to them too easily, and permit their children to remain at home on almost any excuse, imaginary as well as real? It will be difficult to interest the child long in that in which it sees the parent takes little or no interest. Let parents show their interest in the Sabbath School, by their attendance, by their instruction of their children, talking with them about the lessons, as well as the other exercises of the school, and it will be comparatively easy to gain and hold the attention of the children.

Another reason for the irregularity in the attendance of the scholars may be found in the teachers. They are reported as more regular, having an average of nearly eight tenths, yet the two tenths may be the occasion of the absence of a much larger number of scholars. They should be taught to be in their places, whether the teachers are in theirs or not; still there are a large number who would find an excuse for absence in the absence of the teacher.

Then it is a question whether teachers take sufficient pains to interest those under their care. It depends largely upon the teachers whether the Sabbath School lesson is made interesting or not. It can never be made so by simply asking the questions given in the book or on the lesson papers used. Teachers should have something new every week, by way of illustration of truth, something that will be not simply for entertainment, but for real, thorough instruction, the enforcement of Bible truth; for it is possible, by proper study and thought, to find something of interest for all classes in any portion of Scripture which may be studied. There is work for the teacher, work not simply during the hour of the school, or a brief time on the morning of the Sabbath, but during the whole week. The scholar should be made to feel that the teacher is his friend, and interested in him every day

of the week as well as upon the Sabbath. Let parents and teachers be more faithful, and we may be sure scholars will be more regular in their attendance.

Ought there not to be a larger proportion of our congregations in the Sabbath School? If Bible instruction is important, is it not so for all classes? Though the young may be most in need of it, the old are not too old or too wise to learn more of Bible truth. It would seem as though by far the larger portion of our congregation should be in the Sabbath School. But how is it? Of ninety-four schools, three report nearly all the congregation as connected with the school. Five report nine tenths, the others from one fourth to three fourths, the majority, two thirds. Where is the other third? While some have good excuses for their absence, in the case of most of them would it not be far better were they in the Sabbath School? Would they not thus be kept not only from Sabbath-breaking, but learn something of value, as well as set a better example for their friends to imitate?

Another question which should receive our attention is, whether the number of conversions reported is as great as we might reasonably expect? Fifty schools report three hundred and fifty-three conversions, while forty-three report none. The largest number reported from any one school is thirty-one, and that in a school of three hundred and seventy-four scholars and thirty-three teachers. Two report thirty, one of these a mission school organized hardly a year ago, of one hundred and twenty scholars and twelve teachers, the other of one hundred and three scholars and thirteen teachers. Now while it is not possible for us to estimate fully the results of Christian effort, there may have been more conversions than were reported. One may labor a long time without seeing any conversions, while another, no more faithful, meets with immediate success in the conversion of souls; while it is not always God's way to permit us to enjoy the fruits of our labors, "One soweth and another reapeth;" while the number of conversions is not a just criterion of the amount of good accomplished, yet we are encouraged to expect from certain efforts faithfully put forth, certain results. We are taught to labor directly for the conversion of souls, with the expectation of success.

In all their work for Christ, Christians should have a definite object in view, as definite as in any secular work, and labor directly for the accomplishment of that object. The great object of the Sabbath School teacher should be to bring his scholars to Christ, and then instruct them, so that they shall become intelligent, efficient Bible Christians. His prayers and labors, in school or out, should have this distinctly in view. To use the words of Dr. J. Hall, "Setting Jesus Christ fully, simply, distinctly, kindly,

earnestly before the child, and accompanying the presentation with prayer for the power of the Holy Spirit, is the great work of the Sabbath School teacher." With this object continually in mind, teachers are to labor, determined to succeed. Getting a hold upon the minds and hearts of those under their care, their feeling should be, "With divine help, I will not let them go, till they are all brought to Christ." Such is the spirit the Master rejoices to see in his servants, and those who cherish it He ever delights to honor with abundant success. Is it too much to ask of every Sabbath School teacher, that he have such a spirit, that he labor with such determined zeal? Is it too much to expect of every one? Is it not for lack of this that there are no more conversions among our scholars? For certainly it would seem as though a faithful, *devoted* teacher should be the means of leading at least one impenitent sinner to Christ during the year. All honor to the faithful ones who toil on in humble reliance upon divine help, in childlike faith in the promise that the word shall not return void, though they are not permitted to rejoice in its success, and yet it does seem as though, on any principle of divine economy, very much of Sabbath School instruction is inefficient, or we should have a more abundant harvest in the conversion of souls. Such a feeling finds confirmation in the fact that the majority of the scholars are at the age when their minds are more easily impressed with divine truth, their hearts have not become hardened by a long course of sin, in which the Spirit has been repeatedly quenched, and they are not entangled in the affairs of this life, or burdened with its cares.

It is a matter of surprise that teachers' meetings are not more generally held. Three hundred and sixty-five schools sustain them, while fifty-seven do not. Some give as a reason, that the teachers are too much scattered. But is that a sufficient excuse? Could not all the teachers come together occasionally to talk over the interests of the school and pray for a blessing upon their labors, as well as discuss the passages of Scripture to be taught their classes? But if all cannot be induced to meet, cannot a few, at least two or three? The holding of such a meeting weekly or bi-weekly, or monthly, would be of incalculable value to the few who did attend, while its regular appointment, and the fact that it was held, would not be without a salutary influence upon those who rarely or never attended. Aside from the value of such meetings, in obtaining a more thorough knowledge of the lessons, and the best way of explaining and illustrating them, there is an opportunity for the teachers to recount their trials and experiences, and the general wants of the school, which cannot but awaken a more lively interest in the work, and greatly promote the effi-

ciency of the school. One pastor writes, and his estimate of such meetings is only that of all who have given them a faithful trial, "Our teachers' meeting is one of the finest features of our religious work. It is exceedingly interesting and very profitable to as many as attend. A good proportion of the teachers come, considering the multitude of other calls which they have. It is conducted by the teachers in rotation, mainly by the older teachers. The pastor is usually present, and gets great help from the exercises in preparing his Sabbath afternoon address upon the lesson."

Seventy-three schools have contributed five thousand and seventy dollars and seventeen cents, during the year, while twenty have not reported any contribution. More than half of this amount has been expended for the benefit of the different schools, in obtaining books for the libraries, papers, &c. Twelve schools have contributed in aid of Sabbath Schools in the West, mostly for Moody's Chapel :—one to the Vt. D. M. Society ; one to the Orphan's Home, in Burlington ; nine to the Freedmen ; two to the Seamen's cause ; twenty-five to Foreign Missions ; several sustaining mission schools connected with the A. B. C. F. M. One class gave a bell for a mission chapel.

It would seem as though every school should do more than contribute for its own benefit. To do no more, is not obeying the spirit as well as the direct command of the Gospel. There are schools which, on account of their small numbers and means, find it difficult to provide themselves with all the helps they would like in carrying on their own work ; yet would it not be well for such to contribute a little even of their poverty to help those more destitute ? Much more ought the larger and more wealthy to contribute of their wealth. Is it said, They do give in connection with the contributions of the church ? Those connected with the Sabbath School should give none the less in connection with the church ; but would it not awaken a more unselfish, benevolent spirit, a deeper interest in those outside of themselves, were every school to feel that it had some benevolent work to do ?—that such priceless privileges were not given it simply to be enjoyed, but to render it the means of conveying them to others, and then to others still, till all the destitute shall have them to enjoy ?

Such are some of the points of interest and importance which the various reports from our Sabbath Schools seem to me to suggest. But whether our minds shall rest on these, or others which may seem of as much importance, the labor will not have been in vain, if we go home to our respective schools with the determination to make them more efficient. And, after all, we are to remember that the great work of the Sabbath School is to teach Christ. Our mode of presenting the truth may change, our expo-

sition may vary, our illustrations may alter, but the truth itself remains unchanged. It is "the old, old story of the Cross," over and over again. "It is the love of Jesus, and the perfect work of Jesus, in its application to the sinner's need." How applicable the advice of the converted Indian. "Brethren," he said, "I have been a heathen; I know how heathen think. Once a teacher came to us, and began to explain that there was a God. We answered, Dost thou think us so ignorant as not to know that? Return to the place whence thou camest. Then, again, another teacher came and said, You must not steal, nor lie, nor get drunk. We answered, Thou fool! Dost thou think us ignorant of this? Learn first thyself, and then teach the people to whom thou belongest, to leave off these things. Thus we dismissed him. After a time came brother Christian Henry Rauel, and sitting down in my hut, said, 'I come to you in the name of the Lord of heaven and earth. He sends me to let you know that He will make you happy and deliver you from the misery in which you lie at present. For this end, He became a man, gave His life a ransom and shed his blood for sinners.' I could not forget his words; they were ever with me. Awake, I thought; asleep, I dreamed of the blood of Christ shed for us. I found this different from anything I had heard before, and I interpreted Rauel's words to the other Indians. Then, through the grace of God, an awakening commenced among us. I say therefore, brethren, teach Christ our Saviour, teach Christ our Saviour, in His sufferings and death, if you would wish your words to gain entrance among the heathen." Truer words were never uttered. There is nothing so powerful to change the heart and sanctify the soul, as the simple story, old and yet ever new, of Jesus' love and life and death. And this story it should ever be the work of the Sabbath School teacher to tell.

WM. S. HAZEN,
Sec. of Sabbath Schools.

REPORT

ON THE

STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

THERE were at the last Convention 201 names of churches upon our roll. Two of these, North Hero and Washington, have been dropped, as they have been repeatedly declared to be extinct. Two new churches, viz., at West Brookfield and Dover Center, have been added to our list, so that the number remains as before.

As we glance over the year's experience which is brought before us in the reports, the first thing that strikes our attention is that God has visited some of our churches with the refreshing showers of His grace. Seventeen of them tell us of revivals of greater or less power. Four churches have built new houses of worship—three, new vestries, and eight have repaired their houses of worship. One hundred and sixty-two churches are supplied with ministers, and thirty-nine are vacant. Four are declared to be without any present organization, if not entirely without membership, and if no objection is made by the Convention, I shall drop the names of Eden, Chittenden, Guilford, and Halifax from the roll.

The ministry of our churches has changed considerably during the year. Nine settled pastors have been dismissed. Five ministers have been ordained and three installed. Only sixty-nine of our churches have settled pastors, ninety-three are supplied by acting pastors.

We come now to the reports of particular churches.

In *Addison Conference* there has been no revival during the year. Mercy drops, however, have fallen on some of the fields, and general harmony has prevailed.—In Bridport the religious interest is good.—The pulpit of the church in Bristol is vacant, and there is no Sabbath School.—In Cornwall the state of religion is rather low, as might be expected in connection with an unusual neglect of prayer and conference-meetings.—The church in Middlebury experienced a deepening of religious feeling during the winter and early spring. This interest was confined to the church.

The people are sincerely mourning the death of Rev. Joseph Steele, who had been for a long time eminently useful, and a successful superintendent of the Sabbath School. The prospects of the college are more flattering.—The church in New Haven has no pastor. The pulpit is supplied at present by Mr. Garvin, an Andover student. There have been marks of the Holy Spirit's presence. In Orwell there has been entire harmony among the members, good religious interest, and a better attendance on the prayer-meetings than at this time last year.—In Ripton there has been no special interest excepting in one case of hopeful conversion. The Sabbath School is very thinly attended.—The church in Salisbury is without a pastor. The pulpit has been supplied by a student of Middlebury College, whose labors have been much blessed. The people have repaired and beautified their house of worship, which was re-dedicated May 7th.—To the church in Shoreham a fresh interest still remains from the revival of 1868. The young men of the church continue active in Christian duty and helpful in the church meetings.—The church in Whiting, which last year reported itself for the first time for twenty years, has made some progress in membership and liberality. Last year it reported five members. This year it reports ten. Its old-fashioned union meeting-house, which is much out of repair, is an obstacle to its advancement.—This Conference reports a net loss for the year of fourteen members.

The fourteen churches of *Caledonia Conference* are all supplied with ministers. They are all, with one exception, in tolerable health, and report a net gain in membership of forty-six.—The church in Barnet has not enjoyed quite its usual prosperity. Its pastor, Mr. Watts, has been absent on account of ill health, for most of the year. The church has held reading meetings and sustained its prayer meetings during his absence, and has also purchased a parsonage. Harmony and peace prevail. The pulpit is now supplied by Rev. Geo. Powell, who has been engaged for two years.—The church in Burke has received six members by profession, and yet there is some discouragement among its principal members. The acting pastor, Mr. Underwood, has been compelled by the infirmities of age to retire from the pastorate, but a successor has already been engaged.—There has been a good degree of religious interest in Cabot, with a good attendance upon meetings, and some hopeful conversions.—The church in Danville has more than held its own in membership, and made a decided advance in the interest in holding district prayer-meetings, one of which, especially, has been continued from house to house, with much interest and large attendance.—In Lyndon the Sabbath

School is larger than last year. The pastor has gathered a large number of young men into a Bible Class, and there are some evidences of increasing interest.—The church at Lyndonville, which reported itself for the first time last year, has continued instant in prayer. For a month previous to the Week of Prayer, great longings were manifested for a revival of religion, and before January 1st, several gave evidence of conversion. The work went on until over thirty professed to have passed from death unto life. One of these was suddenly called away from this life in the month of April. Six family altars are known to have been erected. Profaneness, which was common in the village, is now rare. Several of the church have broken with their pipes and broken the pipes, and the prayer meetings have received a large and refreshing reinforcement. The church, which at its organization numbered forty-one, now numbers eighty-seven, having received thirty-five members during the past year, twenty-one by profession and thirteen by letter, and having more than doubled within seventeen months. This church has also been zealously engaged in building a house of worship.—There are evidences of increasing harmony in the church in Peacham. The house of worship has been repaired and re-furnished at an expense of about $7,200. The method of taking up contributions for benevolent objects has been systematized, with good results.—As the church at East St. Johnsbury told last year of a precious revival and large additions, so it tells this year of unusual mortality. Those who have died were among the most consistent members of the church, and will be greatly missed.

In *Chittenden Conference*, all but two of the eighteen churches —the two smallest and feeblest—have been supplied with ministers. Nearly all report additions by profession, and some speak of special revival interest. The net gain of membership is twenty-seven, which is greater than it was last year.—The church at Charlotte has settled a pastor, and pastors have been dismissed at Underhill and Winooski, their places being now supplied by acting pastors.—Neither of the churches in Burlington speak of any special religious interest, yet the figures show decided progress in the 1st church, nineteen members having been received, thirteen of them by profession of faith. The church in Charlotte observed the Week of Prayer with more than usual interest. The congregations are large and attentive, and the Sabbath School embraces the great majority of the congregation.—The church in Colchester has enjoyed more than usual prosperity. During the winter there was much revival interest, and a good degree of religious feeling still continues.—The church at Essex Junction is pros-

perous and somewhat quickened.—In Hinesburgh there were some tokens of the Holy Spirit's presence in the winter, but the church has suffered heavily by the removal from town of several families, including the deacon on whom the church and pastor chiefly relied for active Christian work. This church has suffered much in this way in previous years. During the present pastorate, forty-five out of eighty-one that have been gathered into the church, and twenty-seven out of sixty-five resident members when the pastorate began—making seventy-two in all—have removed. It is inevitable that those who remain should feel the depressing influence of these losses — There has been an extensive revival in the church in Milton. The pastor writes : " Just before the Week of Prayer some tokens of the Divine presence were manifested, and during the week the Spirit came in power. The good work continued several weeks, and resulted in the quickening of believers and in the conversion of some fifty or sixty souls. The Methodist church shared about equally in the work, also the church at the west part of the town was blessed in the conversion of eight or ten persons. Many heads of families were brought in, and many family altars erected."—At Richmond, Christians seem earnest, and willing to make sacrifices. The meetings are well sustained.—In the academy at Underhill there was considerable religious interest during the fall, resulting in the conversion of four or five of the pupils, some of whom have since united with the church.—There was a healthy religious interest in Westford early in the winter, which has not yet entirely abated. Several have found the Savior. The attendance at church and Sabbath School has increased.—There has been a fair average of spiritual prosperity at Williston.—The church at Winooski has enjoyed harmony, and two prayer meetings are sustained during the week.—The church at Jericho Corners has for some years reported a little over thirty members, and that at North Underhill about ten, but there is little vitality in either of them. The churches at Underhill and Essex have united in the support of a minister, also the churches at Williston and Essex Junction.—All the churches except at Jericho Center have good houses of worship, and, on the whole, have more than held their own.

Of the three churches in *Essex Conference*, two have acting pastors and one is vacant. They report a net loss of eight members for the year, and no additions.—The acting pastor of the church in Granby was absent four months on account of ill health, during which time public services were continued on the Sabbath, either in connection with preaching by Methodists, or else with the reading of services by the deacons.—The church in Guildhall

was supplied, for three months, by a student, which is the only pastoral labor it has enjoyed for the year.—The church in Lunenburgh reports a loss, by death, of three members. There have been four or five conversions, though no additions as yet to the church.

In *Franklin and Grand Isle Conference* there are now thirteen churches.—That in North Hero having been repeatedly declared extinct, I ask leave of the Convention to drop it from the roll. There has been no special revival in this Conference during the year, though some churches speak of quickening and prosperity. There has been an increase of twenty-four in the number of church members.—The church in Enosburgh is greatly enjoying its new house of worship, now a year old, and this has seemed to contribute largely to the interest felt in the cause of Christ. The church has seemed to gain in spirituality. The Sabbath school and prayer meetings are sustained with unusual fidelity, and with manifest results. Rev. Mr. De Witt has been laboring in town among the Baptists, and this church took some part with them.—Harmony and peace prevail in the church in Fairfield.—In Franklin there is little in outward circumstances that is encouraging.—In Highgate a Mission Sabbath School of much interest has been held in one of the dark places in town, for a part of the year. All the members of the Sabbath School, except two, are pledged to total abstinence from all intoxicating drinks.—The church in Montgomery has had but little preaching the past year, and has none at present. It has been a year of discouragement, and yet there are a few who can pray and take hold of God by faith, and there is an interesting Sabbath School kept up.—The church in Sheldon has been without a pastor for a portion of the year, but is supplied at present.—The 1st church in St. Albans has received members on profession of faith at the last eight communion seasons. The clerk speaks of the regret of members of the congregation at the dismissal of Rev. Mr. Riggs, last October. The pulpit is now supplied by Rev. Professor Webber. The public services, Sabbath School, and prayer meetings are fully attended and well sustained. The pastor of the 2d church in St. Albans speaks of "some marked successes in external things, and some equal adversities," of a want of spiritual and reliable male members, and of an increase of interest in the Sabbath School."—At Swanton there has been a very good state of feeling in the church and society. The salary of the pastor has been increased by two hundred dollars, and is promptly paid. The church has lost several valuable members by death; among them Mr. C. H. Bullard, for many years a prominent helper

in temporal and spiritual things. There are three vacant churches in this Conference.

We have intelligence from eight of the nine churches in *Lamoille Conference.* From Eden we have heard nothing for the last three or four years. Two other churches are vacant, the one at North Hyde Park, and the one at Waterville. It has been a year of trial for the church in Hyde Park. The plan of building a house of worship has not yet been successful, and the pastor has resigned his charge.—At Johnson the pastor speaks of union meetings during the "Week of Prayer," and for two or three weeks following, which resulted in some good to the church, and a few conversions. There is a healthy state of feeling in the church.—There has been a marked growth in the religious life of the church in Morrisville during the year, and full attendance at all meetings. There were several conversions last summer, and fifteen or more in connection with the week of prayer. The church building has been raised, and a vestry put beneath it, which event seemed to have a very close connection with the spiritual blessings which have been enjoyed.—There was a revival of religion at Waterville last fall. Seven have united with the church on profession of faith.—There is an ordinary degree of interest in Wolcott, and in Stowe. On the whole, the condition and prospects of this Conference are better than they have been for some years. Two good pastors have been settled in important fields, and churches which had been in some trouble are now harmonious and prosperous. There has been a net gain in this Conference of thirty members.

Orange Conference, which last year reported one extinct church, leaving the number nineteen, and a gain of five members, tells us a much more cheering story this year, calling our attention to a *new church*, that at West Brookfield, making the number twenty again, and declaring a net gain for the Conference of 114 members.—The church in Bradford is about to build a new house of worship.—The new church organized last October at East Braintree and West Brookfield reports a membership of fifty-four, though organized with but thirty-six members. It has been a year of revival work, with from five to nine prayer meetings each week, well attended and full of interest. About fifty have obtained a hope in Christ, and forty-three have joined the church on profession of faith.—The church in Braintree has purchased a parsonage, which is, however, cumbered with a debt. The church is small, but eight members have been added by profession during the year.—The 2d church in Brookfield has enjoyed a quiet but interesting work of grace, bringing sixteen members into the

church on profession.—The [illegible] church in Brookfield has also experienced a delightful season of refreshing. During the summer and until November, this church was without stated preaching, and much discouragement was felt. This fall a revival commenced, and cases of interest in personal religion soon became manifest. The labors of the present acting pastor, Mr. Truman, were much blessed. The interest was increased during the week of prayer, and through the month of January. In February Mr. Truman had some assistance by other pastors. Fourteen have been added to the church, of those newly interested, and several of them were heads of families. The interest in the Sunday School is great, and the Society united. In many ways the face of affairs at last has changed, like the air of spring, the aspect of the affairs of this church. For the first time in its history it has enjoyed a pastor, Rev. Daniel Wild, who had been connected with it formally forty-one years, and in active service thirty-six. It has never had but two pastors, and has raised up fourteen evangelical ministers. These churches in Brookfield have thus been the nurseries of the Conference the past year.—Corinth reports a house of worship repaired and furnished during the year. Some sheaves have been gathered.—There has been considerable interest in Glover.—Fairlee has lost the labors of Dr. McKeen, which have been much blessed for a few years past.—There is increasing interest in prayer meetings at Newbury.—The church in West Randolph has nearly paid its old debt, and feels its need of better spiritual life.—There have been a few conversions in Tunbridge.

The eighteen churches of *Orleans Conference* present full reports. Three of their pulpits are vacant, and we find that this Conference has suffered a net loss of fourteen members. The church in Albany is without a pastor. There has been a good religious interest during the year, and several are expecting to unite with the church.—Since the first of January there has been more than usual interest in Barton, with several conversions among the young.—The condition of the church seems to be improving at Island Pond, where there has also been special and efficient work in the cause of temperance, promoted by a pointed sermon of the acting pastor.—In Brownington there has been no stated preaching since last July. Reading meetings have been sustained, but great need is felt of the Holy Spirit.—At West Charleston slow but steady progress is reported.—It has been a year of labor and of spiritual prosperity in Coventry. Meetings have been established in every district in town. There have been fifteen conversions, and many more are serious. The church has been much afflicted in the death of some of its members, among them the

wife of the acting pastor.—It has been a year of numerical loss to the church in Craftsbury, owing to a large number of dismissals, yet not a year of darkness or discouragement. There has been some perplexity in connection with a case of discipline. The Sabbath School increases in interest. Several teachers have seen most of the members of their classes come to the Savior. This church is surely worthy of honorable mention in one respect: the pastor reports, for the past seven years, fifty instances of infant baptism, an average of more than seven per year.—In Derby it has been a year of interest and great blessing. The revival of last year has been followed with a manifestly quickened condition of the church. The young christians are working in faith, and walking circumspectly, and the Sabbath School is a blessed means of grace.—In Greensboro there has been a much better state of feeling and activity in the church than was reported last year. In the winter there was unusual religious interest and a few hopeful conversions.—In Holland the interest has been about as usual. The acting pastor, Mr. Ranney, has been laid aside, for a portion of the year, with paralysis.—The attention of the church in Irasburgh has been mainly engaged with the thorough repair of its church edifice, which, from being most repulsive and uncomfortable, has become most attractive and suitable. They hope to rededicate it free from debt in a few weeks, and that it will be the occasion of the church's putting on its strength, and the Lord's pouring out His spirit. The Sabbath School is rejoicing in new vestry rooms, and also in a new library worth $200. This work of repairing has been a very *great* one for this feeble church, costing $5,000, and is due mainly to the faith and tact of the acting pastor, Mr. Smith.—In Lowell there has been considerable religious interest, and a debt on the parsonage has been paid.—There was special interest connected with the week of prayer in Morgan.—There is considerable discouragement in Troy. For six months there was no preaching but by Methodists.—In North Troy, also, there is no preaching, no meeting, no Sabbath School. Efforts have been made, but vainly, to find a minister.—Westfield has been without preaching for half of the year, but is now supplied.

In the twenty-eight churches of *Rutland and Bennington Conference* there have been only fifty-five additions on profession of faith, and a total of 103 additions, with 111 removals, leaving a net loss of eight members. Some of the churches, however, have enjoyed the blessing of the Spirit in answer to prayer. The religious condition of the church in Pittsford is much improved, and nine have been added to it.—Pawlet, also, has been much refreshed. It has received five additions, and is expecting more

soon.—Bennington 1st reports nine additions, and Brandon eight. Several pulpits have been made vacant during the year, and some are still unsupplied.—The acting pastor of the 2d church in Bennington, Mr. Hubbard, has retired from a service of twenty years, and the installation of Mr. Hulbert, his successor, was an occasion of rare interest to the church, such a ceremony having never been witnessed by many members of the congregation. About two thirds of the self-sustaining churches now have settled pastors, and seem to enjoy ordinary health. Several are supplied with acting pastors, either Congregational or Methodist, and some are ready to perish for lack of ministers. The Reporter says: "One of them, Chittenden, should perhaps be left out of the record hereafter, the good deacons having gone to the Saints' Rest, and taken the church with them." The National Series of S. S. Lessons is extensively used in this Conference, and is doing much to promote Scripture study and growth in grace and knowledge. The terrible mischiefs of intemperance have been experienced, but there have been earnest efforts to stay the evil. Some increase has been made in this Conference in benevolent contributions, and the church in North Bennington is vigorously undertaking the work of providing for itself a sanctuary.

In *Washington Conference* there has been less ministerial labor than for several years previous, four of the pulpits being vacant. Two men, who have seemed to be pillars in the church, have fallen, Dea. C. W. Storrs of Montpelier, and Dea. C. C. Closson of Worcester. They will be greatly missed. The Conference reports a net gain of fifteen members. The churches in Barre and Berlin West speak of some encouraging evidences of religious life, and a few hopeful conversions. The meeting-house in West Berlin has been repaired and a vestry added, at an expense of six or seven hundred dollars.—The church in Duxbury has been making some repairs in its house of worship, and reports a larger and more attentive congregation than heretofore, and more interest in the Sabbath School.—The church in Marshfield has, with the help of friends, built a house of worship, and for the first time enjoys the labors of a settled pastor. There seems to be a commendable zeal also in the church in regard to spiritual matters.—There was considerable religious interest in Montpelier in connection with the week of prayer.—There was unusual religious interest in Northfield during many weeks in winter, which resulted in the quickening of christians, and several conversions. This church has dropped the names of twenty-five members, not heard from for a long time.—The church in Roxbury has been building a house of worship, which was dedicated in October. Most of the members are

active and earnest in work for the Lord.—In Waitsfield there has been a larger attendance at public worship, and during the winter a very general quickening in the church and community, with some hopeful conversions. There has been improvement in benevolent contributions and in Sabbath School affairs.—The tone of spiritual life is reported low at Waterbury. The church has suffered by removals. Those who remain are hopeful, and the Sabbath School is increasing in numbers and interest.

Of the twenty-six churches in *Windham Conference*, six report vacant pulpits. Of the twenty that remain seven have pastors, twelve acting pastors, and one is ministered to by a licentiate. Two of the churches, at Guilford and Halifax, are supposed to be nearly or quite extinct. It is doubtful if any members remain to them. At South Londonderry, also, there has been no stated preaching for three years, and no prospect of any at present.—Several of the churches in this conference have been blessed during the year. One new church has been organized, and a net gain of thirty members is reported.—There has been an increased attendance on the ordinances of the gospel at East Brattleboro, and a deeper interest in the same, especially in the social prayer meetings. The establishment of a young people's prayer meeting, a meeting for the young ladies, and one for the older ones, are noted. A desire to be faithful to duty has been observed, also a spirit of liberality in contributions to Home and Foreign Missions.—In Cambridgeport there has been a steady growth in grace, with seven or eight hopeful conversions.—A new church was organized at Dover (Center) January 3d. Rev. O. C. Dickerson, the County Missionary, acts as its pastor. He reports thoughtfulness and good attendance on prayer meetings. This church is, in some sense, a resuscitation of the old Dover church, which died in the Union movement of some thirty years since. A long, dark interval followed, which was first broken by an arrangement with Rev. A. Chandler, in the spring of 1871. Soon after, Mr. Dickerson organized a Sabbath School and began to preach. A revival in August and September began a new era of worship, which still continues.—The church in Dummerston has been enjoying a precious revival of religion. It began during the week of prayer. Meetings were continued for some weeks. About twenty-five manifested interest, of whom it is hoped fifteen are now living Christian lives. Seven united with the church at the last communion, one of whom was a man in his 91st year. The church is very much cheered and encouraged.—The church in Jamaica, too, is feeling strengthened and encouraged under the labors of its new minister, Mr. Burnham. Some of the young people have asked

the prayers of God's people, and two have expressed hope in Christ. The church has been presented with a beautiful communion service by an influential gentleman in town, who, with his wife, has recently united with the church, and their prospects are brighter than usual.—At Londonderry North difficulties have been amicably settled, and peace prevails. The church, however, is in debt, and has a hard struggle. One member pays ten dollars on the dollar of his grand list, and others do as much in proportion.—At Londonderry South there has been no preaching for three years, and very few members.—There has been a good degree of religious interest in Peru during the winter.—The church in Putney observed the week of prayer with the Methodists, and has added a hundred dollars worth of books to the Sabbath School Library.—In Saxton's River the church has had no preaching since November last. Prayer meetings are kept up, but there is a divided feeling in the church.—The church in Stratton was supplied last summer by a student, with some good results. The meeting-house is now undergoing repairs.—In West Townshend christians have been much refreshed, and those without rendered more thoughtful. The vestry has been finished, and is used for evening meetings.—The pastor at Westminster West reports but little religious interest, and great loss by removals, some of them being leading members of church and society. The church has also dropped the names of a large number of members who have not been heard from for years.

At the meeting of this Conference in September, 1871, the subject of County Evangelization was thoughtfully considered, and, as the result, Rev. O. C. Dickerson, then Agent of the Am. S. S. Union, was engaged to act as County Missionary, whose labors have been attended with considerable success.

We have returns from all but five of the churches of *Windsor Conference*. Twenty of these churches are supplied with ministers, of whom only six are pastors and fourteen acting pastors. This Conference reports a net gain for the year of twenty-five members.—At Ascutneyville there is preaching every other Sabbath.—Apparent prosperity is reported at Chester. The debt on the parsonage is canceled, benevolent contributions have increased, and nine have united with the church on profession.—The church is repairing its meeting-house, for which four or five thousand dollars have been subscribed. Meetings are held in a hall.—The church in West Hartford has sustained a Sabbath morning prayer meeting during the year, and has seemed to be on the verge of a revival.—In Ludlow there was a good deal of religious interest in the fall and winter. The church has gained in spiritual strength,

and the society in pecuniary strength. A reed organ costing $400 has been purchased. Progress has been made in the Temperance cause.—In Norwich the religious condition is healthy and hopeful. Many have been quickened by God's grace. Voluntary neighborhood gatherings (weekly) for prayer and conference have been well sustained. The Sabbath School increases in interest.—The church in Rochester suffers by emigration. Within the space of three or four years more than fifty of the congregation have removed. About $600 was sent from the town of Rochester to the western sufferers last fall—The church in Sharon, though vacant now, has been blessed with the presence of the Spirit, in connection with the labors of its pastor during the year. There have been several hopeful conversions besides those who have united with the church.—In Springfield, union meetings were held for three weeks in January. About thirty expressed interest, and about half that number give evidence of renewal. The cause of Temperance has engaged attention of late, and nearly 100, mostly young lads, have signed the anti-tobacco pledge.—There has been considerable religious interest in Stockbridge through the year, and especially during the Week of Prayer.—The little church in Weston reports some prosperity, and an unusual interest in prayer meetings and Sabbath School. It has been a year of hard work for church and society. About $500 has been expended on the meeting-house, and the parsonage is now being repaired. This church, though small, gives marked evidences of energy and perseverance, and its prospects are brighter.—There has been an increase of religious increase and effort in the church in Windsor, with a marked willingness to hear and to heed the word preached. There were several hopeful conversions in the winter, and the church has received twelve on profession of faith.—The church in Woodstock has lost thirteen in membership during the year. The pastor speaks of forty vacant tenements in the village, and of the removal of many who had been in the congregation.

Summing up the figures contained in these reports, we find that the 178 churches that are embraced by them have a membership of 18,344, of whom 3,095 are non-resident. The churches from which nothing has been heard would increase this number by about 400. There have been received during the year, on profession of faith 618, by letter 433, in all 1,051. There have been removed, by death 335, by dismissal 435, by excommunication 8, in all 778, leaving a net gain in membership of 273, which is more than double that of last year, and of which it is to be observed that more than half of it is in our missionary churches. Eight conferences report a gain in membership, and four a loss. The

average attendance upon the Sabbath worship in our churches is 20,769. The number of adult baptisms exceeds that of infant baptisms by 39, the number of the former being 363, and of the latter 324. The amount of benevolent contributions exceeds that of last year by about $7,000, the sum being $52,446. The amount of church property reported by 156 churches is $1,232,525.

I have thus endeavored to give, in as brief form as I could, an outline of the year's work, and present condition of the churches represented here. Doubtless the Lord has rewarded us according to our faith, but is not the inquiry pressed upon us, 'Has not our faith been too weak?' Should we not accomplish much greater things if we undertook them, and shall we not in the year to come undertake them?

J. TORREY,

Corresponding Secretary.

OBITUARY NOTICES.

Three ministers, who, at the time of their decease or for the greater part of their ministry, belonged to this body, have died since our last meeting.

Rev. JOSEPH STEELE was born in Kingsboro, Fulton county, N. Y., June 8th, 1801. He graduated at Union College, Schenectady, in 1824, and at Auburn Theological Seminary in 1827, with the second class of its graduates. After preaching one year in Saratoga, he accepted a call to the Congregational church in Castleton, of which he was pastor for twenty-six years. After his dismissal at Castleton, he was for two years Associate Principal of Burr Seminary, at Manchester; after which, in 1856, he removed to Middlebury, where he has since resided. His labors during this time have been partly in teaching, partly as Agent of the Vermont Bible Society, and partly in preaching in the pulpits of neighboring churches. For ten or twelve years he has been Superintendent of the Congregational Sabbath School in Middlebury, which office he filled with great success, and for thirty-seven years he has been an active member of the Corporation of Middlebury College. Mr. Steele's health has been feeble for several years, and he had been spending the winter with relations in Mobile, Alabama, where his death occurred very suddenly while he was sitting in his chair and conversing, apparently in his usual health, on the 26th of April.

Mr. Steele was a man very much respected by all who knew him, and his death brings sorrow to a large circle of mourners. He was a good scholar and a friend to scholarship; faithful and candid in his investigations of truth, and clear and forcible in preaching it; a man who speedily won confidence in his opinions, and whose consistent and cheerful Christian walk, united with his eminent public spirit and Christian philanthropy, made him a beloved and exceedingly useful minister and citizen.

Another, who has long been of our number, though at the time of his decease he was laboring in a neighboring State, has passed away from us. Rev. BENJAMIN F. RAY was born in Burke, Vt., April 11th, 1824. His early life was one of self-denial and hard labor. It was only by indomitable energy and perseverance, cheered and encouraged by the heartfelt sympathy and interest as well as material aid of a friend, that he obtained his education. He graduated at Dartmouth in 1851, and pursued his theological studies at Andover the year after. He was ordained a pastor at McIndoes Falls in 1856. He was dismissed from McIndoes Falls, August 30th, 1859, and removed to Hartford, where he was settled as pastor for nearly eleven years. From Hartford he removed to New Ipswich, N. H., by the advice of physicians, who assured him

that the fatal disease which was upon him could be kept in abeyance only by entire freedom from such mental effort as would be required in writing new sermons. His ministry in the latter place was brief, though still characterized, until within two days of his death, by his wonted devotion to his Master's work. He died January 7th, in the forty-eighth year of his age. Mr. Ray's ministry was marked with great earnestness. He was a hard-working, zealous, self-denying servant of Christ. He preached with deep feeling of the truth, and strong love and sympathy for his people, and he had many evidences that his love was reciprocated, and that his labor was abundantly blessed. The church at Hartford was more than doubled in numbers, and greatly increased in activity and piety during his ministry.

Since the first of May, and not properly within the year which this report embraces, it has pleased God to remove another of our pastors from a field where he had been eminently useful. Rev. LYMAN S. WATTS was born in Peacham, August 9th, 1832. In 1851 he made a profession of religion, and graduated at Middlebury in 1859, and at Andover in 1864. He commenced his ministerial labors in Dracut the same year, and was ordained, February 7th, 1869. In 1867 he removed to Barnet, where he labored until his failing health compelled him to relinquish his work. In the autumn of 1871 he went to Florida, and returned this spring to die. He died June 3d. Mr. Watts was a good and faithful scholar, one of the first in his class, and a very active though modest Christian, "a good man and full of the Holy Ghost." Though never a settled pastor, he yet always gave himself up with marked devotion and zeal to his pastoral and pulpit work. He gained the sincere love and respect of his people, and his labors have been much blessed. He was in the habit of preaching with or without notes, but in either case in the same clear style. His death is much mourned by the church in Barnet and by Caledonia Association, of which he was a member.

MEETINGS OF CONFERENCES.

CONFERENCE.	REGISTER.	ANNUAL MEETING.
Addison	Rev. H. F. Leavitt	2d Tuesday in June.
Caledonia	Rev. C. M. Southgate	2d Tuesday in June.
Chittenden	Rev. George B. Safford	2d Tuesday in June.
Essex	Rev. H. V. Emmons	2d Tuesday in June.
Franklin and Grand Isle	Rev. E. J. Ranslow	1st Tuesday in June.
Lamoille	Rev. James Dougherty	1st Tuesday in June.
Orange	Rev. W. S. Palmer	1st Tuesday in June.
Orleans	Rev. Edward P. Wild	2d Tuesday in June.
Rutland and Bennington	Rev. William T. Herrick	1st Tuesday in June.
Washington	Rev. J. H. Babbitt	2d Tuesday in June.
Windham	Rev. Cyrus Hamlin	1st Wednesday in Sept.
Windsor	Rev. S. P. Cook	1st week in June.

SALARIES OF MINISTERS AVERAGED.

No. of Churches.	Conferences.	Average Salary.
10	Addison	$1,025
13	Caledonia	1,075
12	Chittenden	1,090
2	Essex	600
10	Franklin and Grand Isle	790
5	Lamoille	720
12	Orange	900
13	Orleans	775
17	Rutland and Bennington	1,210
8	Washington	1,112
17	Windham	850
13	Windsor	870
132	pay $126,180	averaging $960

The following are the places of theological education of 142 ministers, with the number of graduates from each institution:

Andover	72	Gilmanton	3	New Hampton	1
Bangor	19	Oberlin	2	Lane	1
Union	17	Hartford	5	Chicago	1
Princeton	6	Glasgow	2		
Auburn	6	Rotterdam	1		142
New Haven	5	Cheshunt	1		

ECCLESIASTICAL RECORD.

CHURCHES ORGANIZED.

1871, Oct. 24.....E. Braintree and W. Brookfield.
1872, Jan. 3.....Dover Center.

CHURCHES DROPPED AS EXTINCT.

North Hero.....Washington.

MINISTERS ORDAINED WITHOUT INSTALLATION.

1871. Sept. 8.....M. S. Dudley.....Peacham.
Nov. 22.....B. S. Adams.....Cabot.

MINISTERS ORDAINED AND INSTALLED.

1871, Aug. 16.....Nelson F. Cobleigh.....Marshfield.
Nov. 8.....G. H. French.....Johnson.
1872, Jan. 31.....Vitellus M. Hardy.....Morrisville.

MINISTERS INSTALLED.

1871, Sept. 7.....Charles C. Torrey.....Charlotte.
Dec. 20.....Robert Southgate.....Hartford.
1872, May 1.....C. B. Hulbert.....Bennington 2d.

LICENTIATES.

Ezra Brainard, Jr., Arthur T. Reed,
Solon Albee, C. H. Rowley,
Matthew H. Buckham,

MINISTERS DISMISSED.

1871, July 12.....Charles C. Torrey.....Georgia.
Oct. 18.....H. C. Riggs.....St. Albans 1st.
Nov. 7.....S. L. Bates.....Underhill,
Nov. .....J. G. Wilson.....Saxton's River,
1872, Jan. 2.....Daniel Wild.....Brookfield 1st.
Jan. 16.....Jabez T. Howard.....Holland.
Jan. 30.....L. H. Elliot.....Winooski.
Mar. 12.....Sewall Paine.....Montgomery.
Mar. 22.....James R. Bourne.....W. Rutland.

MINISTERS DECEASED.

1872, Apr. 25.....Joseph Steele.
Jan. 7.....Benjamin F. Ray.
June 3.....Lyman S. Watts.

STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES.

THE STATISTICAL YEAR ENDS THE FIRST SABBATH IN MAY.

1. ADDISON CONFERENCE. Reported by HARVEY F. LEAVITT.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min Com'oed.	Church Memb'rs.				Admitted.			Removed.				Bapt'ms.		Sabbath Schools.	Average Congreg.	Benev'nt Contrib.	Estima'd Value of Church Property
						Male.	Fem.	Tot.	Abs.	Prof.	Lett.	Tot.	De'th	Dism	Excl.	Tot.	Adult	Inf'nt				
Addison	Nov. 24, 1801	Vacant.	....	....	....	2	2	4	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	$500
Bridport	June 30, 1790	W. W. Winchester,	P.	March 23, 1851	1867	67	123	190	35	2	2	4	1	3	0	4	2	0	260	200	$856 79	17,800
Bristol	July 8, 1805	Vacant.	....	....	....	30	42	72	14	0	0	0	2	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	....	2,500
Cornwall	July 15, 1785	S. W. Magill,	A. P.	....	1837	50	107	157	28	1	1	2	7	8	0	15	1	4	150	150	300 00	10,000
Ferrisburgh	Jan. 25, 1824	A. B. Lyon,	A. P.	Feb. 1858	1870	18	45	63	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	90	75	71 00	8,000
Middlebury	Sept. 5, 1790	E. P. Hooker,	P.	Nov. 13, 1861	1870	142	254	396	50	9	7	16	7	4	1	12	7	2	320	300	563 49	22,000
New Haven	Sept. 29, 1800	Vacant.	....	....	....	80	144	224	34	13	0	13	6	9	0	15	0	0	150	250	90 00	10,000
Orwell	1789	M. L. Severance,	P.	Feb. 17, 1864	1869	72	108	180	27	0	3	3	4	3	0	7	0	5	216	150	224 88	12,000
Ripton	Nov. 6, 1828	Cephas H. Kent,	P.	Oct. 22, 1828	1861	25	37	62	21	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	23	40	125 20	14,500
Salisbury	Feb. 8, 1804	—. Utley, Lay Pr.	A. P.	Student,	1871	16	32	48	9	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	74	125	25 00	6,000
Shoreham	March 26, 1794	Wm. N. Bacon,	P.	Dec. 28, 1859	1864	35	82	117	13	0	4	4	3	5	0	8	0	1	75	125	130 00	10,000
Vergennes	Sept. 17, 1793	H. P. V. Bogue,	P.	July 25, 1866	1869	62	133	193	28	1	6	7	6	0	0	0	0	2	125	180	400 00	10,000
Weybridge	June 20, 1794	H. D. Kitchel, D. D.	A. P.	Feb. 10, 1839	1867	26	45	71	10	1	0	1	1	3	0	4	1	7	65	60	75 00	6,000
Whiting	Dec. 28, 1809	H. F. Leavitt,	A. P	May, 1830	1871	2	8	10	0	3	2	5	0	0	0	0	1	0	40	40	.....	.....
14		6 Pastors, 6 A. P.				627	1160	1787	275	34	26	60	37	36	1	74	12	21	1588	1695	$2,861 00	$119,300

Ministers without charge.—Daniel Ladd, Eben Smith, John Steele, A. C. Barton, Middlebury; Stillman Morgan, Bristol.

Deceased.—Joseph Steele, April, 1872.

Licientiates.—Prof. Ezra Brainard, Jr., Prof. Solon Albee.

Register of Conference—H. F. Leavitt, Middlebury.

Time of Meeting of Conference—The 2d Tuesday of June, at 10 o'clock, A. M., at New Haven.

2. CALEDONIA CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. P. B. Fisk.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min Connected.	Church Memb'rs.				Admitted.			Removed.				Bapt'ms.		Sabbath Schools.	Average Congreg.	Benev'nt Contrib.	Estima'd Value of Church Property
						Male.	Fem.	Tot.	Abs.	Prof.	Lett.	Tot.	De'th	Dism	Excl.	Tot.	Adult	Infnt				
Barnet	Sept. 14, 1858	L. S. Watts,	A. P.	Feb. 7,	1866 1867	27	80	107	23	0	0	0	2	1	0	3	0	1	130	150	$254 25	$8000
East Burke	March 1, 1807	Joseph Underwood,	A. P.	April 8,	1826 1870	22	40	62	14	6	0	6	1	0	0	1	1	0	50	75	26 80	3,000
Cabot	Oct. 25, 1801	B. S. Adams,	A. P.	Nov. 22,	1871 1871	45	90	135	28	0	0	0	2	4	0	6	0	0	90	150	.....	4,200
Danville	Aug. 1792	C. W. Thompson,	P.	July 1,	1869 1869	39	70	109	31	4	0	4	1	1	0	2	2	2	120	123	126 20	7,000
E. Hardwick	July 29, 1803	Joseph Torrey,	P.	May 30,	1860 1860	54	105	159	19	2	3	6	1	3	0	4	2	4	150	120	336 35	5,300
Lyndon	Nov. 30, 1817	John S. Whitman,	A. P.	Sept. 4,	1861 1871	18	67	85	39	11	1	12	0	5	0	5	7	0	84	110	.....	2,700
Lyndonville	Dec. 6, 1870	P. B. Fisk,	A. P.	Oct. 1,	1863 1870	33	54	87	4	21	14	35	0	0	1	1	9	7	224	175	10 00	5,000
McIndoes Falls	Oct. 21, 1829	S. G. Norcross,	A. P.	Oct. 11,	1859 1869	18	71	89	18	0	2	2	2	0	0	2	0	2	90	130	77 50	8,000
Peacham	April 14, 1794	M. S. Dudley,	A. P.	Sept. 8,	1871 1871	64	153	217	30	0	6	6	4	4	0	8	0	2	165	250	522 87	10,000
St. Johnsbury 1st.	Nov. 21, 1809	E. T. Fairbanks,	P.	Jan. 1,	1868 1867	21	58	79	15	2	0	2	4	0	0	4	0	0	70	117	64 68	5,000
St. Johnsbury 2d	April 7, 1825	Chas. M. Southgate,	P.	Dec. 15,	1870 1870	89	181	270	67	9	8	17	4	5	0	9	7	3	300	295	5,285 85	15,000
St. Johnsbury 3d	Nov. 25, 1840	J. P. Humphrey,	P.	Feb. 3,	1847 1867	61	72	133	22	1	1	2	5	7	0	12	0	0	175	140	204 00	6,000
St. Johnsbury 4th.	1851	L. O. Brastow,	P.	Jan. 10,	1861 1861	75	145	220	40	5	9	14	3	4	0	7	5	3	287	282	7,532 00	15,000
Waterford	May 30, 1798	M. H. Wells,	P.	Nov. 19,	1845 1871	45	65	110	35	5	8	13	3	6	0	9	2	3	100	100	87 98	5,600
14		7 Pastors, 7 A. P.				611	1251	1862	385	67	52	119	32	40	1	73	35	27	2035	2217	$14,528 13	$99,800

Ministers without charge.—M. B. Bradford, McIndoes Falls ; H. Fairbanks, H. T. Fuller, W. W. Thayer, St. Johnsbury.

Ordained—M. S. Dudley, Peacham, Sept. 8, 1871 : B. S. Adams, Cabot, Nov. 22, 1871.

Deceased—L. S. Watts, Peacham, June 3, 1872.

Register of Conference—Rev. C. M. Southgate, St. Johnsbury.

Time of Meeting of Conference—The 2d Tuesday of June.

3. CHITTENDEN CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. S. L. BATES.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min Connected.	Church Memb'rs. Male.	Fem.	Tot.	Abs.	Admitted. Prof.	Lett.	Tot.	Removed. De'th	Dism	Excl.	Tot.	Bapt'ms. Adult	Inf'nt	Sabbath Schools.	Average Congreg.	Benev'nt Congreg.	Estima'd Value of Church Property
Burlington 1st.....	Feb. 21, 1805	Edward H. Griffin,	P.	Feb. 6, 1868	1868	112	218	330	70	13	6	19	5	6	0	11	2	6	225	350	$1,375 00	$60,000
Burlington 3d.....	Nov. 4, 1860	George B. Safford,	P.	Sept. 2, 1858	1860	35	74	109	14	0	5	5	2	4	0	6	0	2	70	225	510 79	50,000
Charlotte.....	Jan. 3, 1792	Charles C. Torrey,	P.	Sept. 5, 1855	1871	45	91	136	5	0	2	2	4	4	0	8	0	0	120	150	670 90	8,000
Colchester	1804	Charles M. Seaton,	A. P.	Sept. 28, 1837	1869	8	57	65	10	4	2	6	0	0	0	0	3	0	63	60	38 00	3,500
Essex	Oct. 3, 1791	Edward P. Stone,	A. P.	Sept. 1861	1872	33	60	93	17	1	5	6	4	2	0	6	1	0	60	80	75 00	4,500
Essex Junction...	June 29, 1869	Joshua L. Maynard,	A. P.	Jan. 1841	1871	12	21	33	6	5	2	7	1	0	0	1	5	1	156	165	.....	10,000
Hinesburgh.....	May 20, 1789	Clark E. Ferrin,	P.	Dec. 10, 1851	1856	33	66	99	41	4	1	5	1	0	0	1	4	5	75	74	18 28	5,000
Jericho 1st.....	March 31, 1791	Austin Hazen,	A. P.	March 29, 1860	1864	29	53	82	16	0	0	0	5	2	0	7	0	0	185	100	200 00	4,500
Jericho Corners ..	Aug. 31, 1836	Vacant.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Milton	Sept. 21, 1804	John H. Woodward,	A. P.	1838	1869	25	44	69	3	20	6	26	2	1	0	3	11	4	103	120	88 00	15,000
Milton West.....	Feb. 28, 1853	John H. Woodward,	A. P.	1838	1870	9	14	23	0	7	0	7	0	0	0	0	3	0	40	50	.....	.....
Richmond.....	Sept. 21, 1801	Josiah L. Litch,	A. P.	April 7, 1867	1870	9	29	38	10	6	0	6	0	0	0	0	5	0	70	95	.....	5,000
South Hero	1795	Orville G. Wheeler,	P.	Nov. 5, 1840	1840	22	55	77	8	1	1	2	1	1	0	2	0	0	70	90	.....	3,000
Underhill	Dec. 27, 1801	Edward P. Stone,	A. P.	.....	1872	32	43	75	13	3	4	7	3	2	1	6	2	0	130	140	20 00	3,500
Underhill North..	Dec. 19, 1839	Vacant.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Westford.....	Aug. 7, 1801	George P. Byington,	A. P.	March 11, 1868	1869	25	58	83	9	3	0	3	2	1	0	3	2	0	174	150	150 85	9,000
Williston	Jan. 23, 1813	Joshua L. Maynard,	P.	Jan. 1841	1865	29	58	87	12	3	4	7	1	5	0	6	2	1	100	85	125 00	10,000
Winooski.....	Nov. 9, 1836	Walter H. Ayers,	A. P.	Licentiate,	1872	17	40	57	12	3	0	3	3	11	0	14	3	0	103	100	57 00	15,000
18		6 Pastors, 8 A. P.				486	1014	1500	252	73	38	111	34	39	1	74	43	19	1744	2134	$3,327 92	$206,500

Ministers without charge—James Buckham, John K. Converse, John E. Goodrich, Henry P. Hickok, James C. Houghton, C. Spencer Marsh, Henry A. P. Torrey, Andrew J. Willard, John H. Worcester, D. D., Burlington; Eben C. Birge, Samuel Marsh, Underhill; J. C. Wilder, Charlotte; Lester H. Elliot, Winooski; Archibald Fleming, Constable, N. Y.; Moses P. Parmelee, Missionary to Turkey.

Dismissed—S. L. Bates, Underhill, Nov. 7, 1871; Lester H. Elliot, Winooski, Jan. 30, 1872.

Licentiates—Matthew H. Buckham, Burlington.

Installed—Charles C. Torrey, Charlotte, Sept. 7, 1871.

Register of Conference—Rev. George B. Safford.

Time of meeting of Conference—Second Tuesday in June.

4. ESSEX CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. JOSHUA EATON.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min Con'ced	Church Memb'rs. Male.	Fem.	Tot.	Abs.	Admitted. Prof.	Lett.	Tot.	Removed. De'th	Dism	Excl.	Tot.	Bapt'ms. Adult	Inf'nt	Sabbath Schools.	Average Congreg.	Benev'nt Contrib.	Estima'd Value of Church Property
Granby & Victory	Jan. 8, 1825	Joshua Eaton,	A. P.	Dec. 1, 1841	1868	17	26	43	6	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	33	37	$48 09	$850
Guildhall	April 1, 1799	Vacant.	.....	.....	.....	21	40	61	20	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	.....	2,000
Lunenburgh.....	1802	L. W. Harris.	A. P.	Nov. 1842	1870	38	68	106	18	0	0	0	3	1	0	4	0	0	70	100	28 00	2,000
3	—	2 A. P.				76	134	210	44	0	0	0	3	5	0	8	0	0	103	137	$76 09	$4,850

Ministers without charge—Jeremiah Glines, Lunenburgh.

Register of Conference—Rev. H. V. Emmons, Lancaster, N. H.

Time of meeting of Conference—Second Tuesday in June.

5. FRANKLIN AND GRAND ISLE CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. G. F. WRIGHT.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min Com'ced.	Church Memb'rs. Male.	Fem.	Tot.	Abs.	Admitted. Prof.	Lett.	Tot.	Removed. De'th	Dism	Excl.	Tot.	Bapt'ms Adult	Inf'nt	Sabbath Schools.	Average Congreg.	Benev'nt Contrib.	Estima'd Value of Church Property
Alburgh	Feb. 18, 1824	Calvin B. Cady,	A. P.	1838	1851	15	43	58	5	1	0	1	0	2	0	2	0	1	70	150	$60 00	$3,000
Bakersfield	July 3, 1811	George F. Wright.	P.	Aug. 26, 1843	1862	89	75	114	25	2	1	3	6	3	0	9	2	3	133	100	40 00	7,000
Berkshire East	July 15, 1820	Elias W. Hatch,	P.	Sept. 25, 1866	1866	20	32	52	3	7	0	7	0	3	0	3	2	3	100	75	75 35	4,000
Enosburgh	Oct. 11, 1811	Alfred B. Swift,	A. P.	Jan. 7, 1855	1861	61	80	141	23	9	3	12	1	3	0	4	4	3	146	110	356 00	10,000
Fairfield	Sept. 22, 1800	Daniel Wild,	A. P.	July 1, 1830	1867	12	20	32	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	50	50	81 42	5,000
Franklin	Oct. 9, 1817	Joseph R. Munsell,	A. P.	.....	1868	14	27	41	9	0	2	2	0	2	0	2	0	1	40	75	60 59	1,900
Georgia	Nov. 7, 1793	John Aiken,	A. P.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Highgate	Oct. 28, 1811	Elam J. Comings,	A. P.	1841	1867	18	43	61	11	1	2	3	1	2	0	3	1	1	110	75	40 00	5,000
Montgomery	July 15, 1817	Vacant.	.....	.....	.....	17	26	43	11	0	0	0	2	2	1	5	0	0	90	40	11 00	.....
Sheldon	Aug. 1816	C. H. Rowley,	A. P.	Licentiate,	1872	22	32	54	8	2	0	2	0	2	0	2	0	0	45	65	69 13	3,509
St. Albans 1st	Jan. 2, 1803	Vacant.	.....	.....	.....	106	187	293	26	17	9	26	3	7	0	10	11	7	210	400	3,553 43	30,000
St. Albans 2d	May 26, 1841	D. B. Bradford,	A. P.	June 13, 1838	1871	16	33	49	8	0	8	8	0	3	0	3	0	2	0	75	10 00	5,500
Swanton	Jan. 4, 1800	Eugene J. Ranslow,	A. P.	June 23, 1869	1869	43	93	136	27	1	4	5	3	1	0	4	1	1	170	142	204 00	16,000
13		2 Pastors, 9 A. P.				383	691	1074	160	40	29	69	17	30	1	48	21	22	1164	1357	$4,560 92	$108,000

Ministers without charge—L. S. French, Franklin: A. J. Sampson, St. Albans; Sewall Paine, Montgomery.

Licentiate—C. H. Rowley.

Dismissed—Herman C. Riggs, Sewall Paine, C. C. Torrey.

Register of Conference—E. J. Ranslow.

Time of Meeting of Conference—First Tuesday in June.

6. LAMOILLE CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. J. G. BAILEY.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min Con'ced.	Church Memb'rs.				Admitted.			Removed.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath Schools.	Average Congreg.	Benev'nt Contrib.	Estima'd Value of Church Property
						Male.	Fem.	Tot.	Abs.	Prof.	Lett.	Tot.	De'th	Dism	Excl.	Tot.	Adult	Inf'nt				
Cambridge	Feb. 18, 1792	Edwin Wheelock,	P.	Jan. 23, 1856	1855	18	28	46	....	1	9	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	75	100	.....	.....
Eden	July 3, 1812	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hyde Park	March 5, 1803	J. G. Bailey,	P.	Feb. 24, 1859	1862	8	21	29	5	0	1	1	2	0	0	2	0	0	80	65	$30 00	.....
North Hyde Park	Oct. 11, 1858	Vacant.	.....	.....	.....	9	23	32	7	0	0	0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Johnson	Sept. 22, 1817	G. H. French,	P.	Nov. 8, 1871	1871	41	82	123	27	2	7	9	1	8	0	9	2	0	150	175	94 53	$4,000
Morristown	Oct. 1807	V. M. Hardy,	P.	Jan. 31, 1872	1870	32	63	95	8	12	14	26	4	4	0	8	5	0	140	155	36 00	3,500
Waterville	Nov. 7, 1823	Vacant.	.....	.....	.....	6	21	27	1	6	1	7	1	0	0	1	2	0	75	90	.....	.....
Wolcott	Oct. 28, 1818	Horace Herrick,	A. P.	Sept. 1844	1860	14	34	48	15	1	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	50	68	15 00	2,500
Stowe	July 13, 1818	Benj. F. Perkins,	A. P.	1865	1870	31	68	99	27	1	1	2	1	0	0	1	1	1	100	94	111 88	4,000
9		4 Pastors, 2 A. P.				159	340	499	90	23	33	56	14	12	0	26	10	1	670	747	$290 00	$14,000

Ministers without charge—James Dougherty, D. D., Johnson. *Ordained*—G. H. French, V. M. Hardy.

Register of Conference—Rev. James Dougherty, D. D.,

Time of meeting of Conference—First Tuesday in June.

7. ORANGE CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. J. K. WILLIAMS.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min Con'ced.	Church Memb'rs.			Admitted.				Removed.				Bapt'ms.		Sabbath Schools.	Average Congreg.	Benev'nt Contrib.	Estima'd Value of Church Property
						Male.	Fem.	Tot.	Abs.	Prof.	Lett.	Tot.	De'th	Dism	Excl.	Tot.	Adult	Inf'nt				
Bradford	June 29, 1819	J. K. Williams,	P.	Nov. 22, 1866	1866	33	115	148	30	0	3	3	0	7	0	7	0	3	150	160	$518 00	$7,000
Braintree	Dec. 25, 1794	Anand Nichols,	P.	Sept. 23, 1807	1807	17	27	44	15	8	0	8	1	2	0	3	8	0	65	80	30 00	1,675
Braintree East.&c.	Oct. 24, 1871	A. T. Reed,	A. P.	.....	1871	19	35	54	2	43	11	54	0	0	0	0	30	0	120	125	.....	.....
Brookfield 1st	Sept. 23, 1785	Geo. B. Tolman,	A. P.	July 10, 1862	1871	32	52	84	2	14	1	15	2	3	0	5	7	8	115	100	.....	.....
Brookfield 2d	Nov. 16, 1848	Wm. A. Bushee,	P.	Aug. 19, 1869	1868	28	47	75	14	16	9	25	0	1	0	1	5	0	125	115	98 81	3,500
Chelsea	April 10, 1789	E. E. Herrick,	P.	Feb. 24, 1864	1870	65	119	184	8	9	3	12	9	6	0	10	6	1	160	175	360 15	8,000
Corinth	Oct 10, 1820	Caleb M. Winch,	A. P.	June 20, 1853	1869	36	76	112	39	3	3	6	2	2	0	4	3	0	110	150	26 12	3,000
Fairlee	Feb. 28, 1833	Silas McKeen, D. D.	A. P.	Oct. 28, 1815	1866	15	36	51	9	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	1	121	100	40 00	.....
Fairlee West	Dec. 9, 1869	Solon Martin,	A. P.	June 16, 1835	1866	34	64	98	32	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	0	65	90	50 00	300
Newbury		1764 S. L. Bates,	P.	March 23, 1864	1871	37	109	146	27	0	12	12	6	5	0	11	0	1	165	200	832 25	7,500
Newbury West	Feb. 13, 1867	R. Dexter Miller,	A. P.	July 2, 1856	1870	15	31	46	1	0	4	4	1	0	0	1	0	3	100	....	47 00	700
Post Mills	Feb. 26, 1839	S. D. Clark,	A. P.	.....	1871	26	60	86	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	75	....	.....	1,000
Randolph	May 30, 1786	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	39	63	102	18	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	120	....	.....	4,500
Randolph West	Oct. 21, 1821	Samuel W. Dike,	P.	Feb. 3, 1869	1868	55	107	162	50	2	5	7	1	2	0	3	1	1	159	135	181 21	12,000
Strafford	Nov. 1819	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	11	21	32	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	30	50	.....	.....
Thetford	1773	Richard T. Searle,	P.	May 8, 1845	1868	72	132	204	27	2	3	5	3	3	0	6	2	0	170	180	367 50	6,000
Tunbridge	Feb. 5, 1792	O. S. Morris,	A. P.	Jan. 9, 1848	1868	18	31	49	11	9	0	9	1	0	0	1	7	0	70	75	35 00	3,500
Vershire	July 14, 1787	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	15	33	48	9	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	0	0	....	.....	.....
Wells River	June 15, 1842	Wm. S. Palmer,	P.	Feb. 19, 1862	1862	48	124	172	22	11	9	20	2	4	0	6	7	2	250	210	550 00	8,000
Williamstown	Aug. 13, 1795	Vacant,	.....	.....	....	19	63	82	20	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	....	....	.....	5,000
29		7 Pastors, 7 A. P.				634	1355	1989	353	117	63	180	26	41	0	67	86	20	2070	1945	$3,151 04	$70,675

Ministers without charge—Joseph Fuller, Vershire ; Joseph Marsh, Thetford ; Silas McKeen, D. D., Bradford.

Dismissed—Daniel Wild. *Register of Conference*—Rev. William S. Palmer.

Time of meeting of Conference—First Tuesday in June.

8. ORLEANS CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. AZEL W. WILD.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min Com'ced.	Church Memb'rs. Male.	Fem.	Tot.	Abs.	Admitted. Prof.	Lett.	Tot.	Removed. De'th	Dism	Excl.	Tot.	Bapt'ms Adult	Inf'nt	Sabbath Schools.	Average Congreg.	Benev'nt Contrib.	Estima'd Value of Church Property
Albany	Aug. 16, 1818	Vacant.	.....	.....	.....	20	24	44	6	1	2	3	1	1	0	2	1	0	65	90	$50 00	$3,500
Barton	Sept. 24, 1817	S. V. McDuffee,	A. P.	May 25,	1869	1871	29	64	93	21	0	0	0	3	5	0	8	0	0	129	110	.....	5,500
Brighton	Oct. 5, 1841	John C. Houghton,	A. P.	Jan. 15,	1868	1870	8	14	22	5	1	2	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	83	100	30 00	4,200
Brownington	March 4, 1869	Vacant.	.....	.....	.....	.....	23	45	68	11	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	1	58	70	35 00	1,700
Charleston West	May 14, 1844	A. C. Childs,	P.		May 18,	1853	1868	19	55	74	9	6	1	7	0	0	0	0	4	0	109	100	169 64	8,500
Coventry	Oct. 2, 1810	F. W. Dickinson,	A. P.	June 17,	1868	1870	49	100	149	10	16	3	19	2	3	0	5	10	4	215	175	276 20	9,000
Craftsbury	July 4, 1797	Edward P. Wild,	P.		Oct. 11,	1865	1865	49	101	150	11	2	2	4	2	7	1	10	0	7	182	198	201 99	4,500
Derby	Aug. 9, 1807	John Rogers,	A. P.			1861	1868	49	60	109	14	0	2	2	2	0	0	2	0	1	115	150	.....	3,000
Glover	July 12, 1817	Sidney K.B. Perkins	P.		Jan. 11,	1860	1858	25	51	76	15	1	1	2	1	4	0	5	1	2	155	139	85 00	5,750
Greensboro	Nov. 24, 1804	Azel W. Wild,	P.		Oct. 26,	1864	1864	32	58	90	16	3	3	6	2	3	0	5	2	2	150	163	116 62	5,000
Holland	Nov. 30, 1842	Timothy E. Ranney,	A. P.		May 1,	1844	1867	2	14	16	10	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	55	26 00	1,000
Irasburgh	Jan. 28, 1818	Azro A. Smith,	A. P.		Feb. 11,	1864	1870	29	35	64	15	0	2	2	0	6	0	6	0	1	81	....	.....	6,000
Lowell	Jan. 10, 1816	Frederic B. Phelps,	P.		Oct. 18,	1870	1870	21	32	53	8	3	0	3	1	1	0	2	1	3	120	86	20 00	3,000
Morgan	June 4, 1823	Jacob S. Clark,	P.		June 11,	1827	1826	8	22	30	7	1	0	1	2	5	0	7	1	0	60	65	8 00	350
		T. E. Ranney,	A. P		May 1,	1844	1871																	
Newport	Feb. 23, 1831	W. C. Somerville,	A. P.		Oct.	1851	1871	38	65	103	32	0	1	1	1	8	0	9	0	4	80	140	70 00	3,000
Troy	Jan. 23, 1845	David Connell,	A. P.		Nov.	1842	1872	4	10	14	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	45	.....	1,400
Troy North	Feb. 5, 1818	Vacant.	.....		.....	.....	.....	13	27	40	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	40	75	18 00	3,000
Westfield	Apr. 19, 1818	David Connell.	A. P.		Nov.	1842	1872	20	38	58	20	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	1	75	50	17 28	1,200
18		6 Pastors, 8 A. P.						438	815	1253	215	34	20	54	27	45	1	68	20	27	1767	1681	$1,123 70	$64,400

Ministers without charge—Samuel Read Hall, LL. D., Brownington; R. V. Hall, Newport; Jabez T. Howard, West Charleston; George Stone, North Troy.

Dismissed—Jabez T. Howard, from nominal pastorate of church in Holland, Jan. 16, 1872.

Register of Conference—Rev. Edward P. Wild. *Time of meeting of Conference*—Second week in June.

9. RUTLAND AND BENNINGTON CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. P. S. PRATT.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min Con'ced.	Church Memb'rs. Male.	Fem.	Tot.	Abs.	Admitted. Prof.	Lett.	Tot.	Removed. De'th	Dism	Excl.	Tot.	Bapt'ms Adult	Infnt	Sabbath Schools.	Average Congreg	Benev'nt Contrib.	Estima'd Value of Church Property
Arlington East	Nov. 2, 1843	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	11	32	43	8	0	1	1	5	3	0	8	0	0	65	70	$20 50	$5,000
Bennington 1st	Dec. 3, 1762	Isaac Jennings,	P.	June 14, 1843	1853	48	139	187	....	9	3	12	2	1	0	3	7	6	160	....	571 21	30,000
Bennington 2d	Apr. 27, 1836	Calvin B. Hulbert,	P.	.....	1872	46	118	164	25	4	2	6	2	2	0	4	0	1	175	300	600 00	1,500
Bennington North	May 21, 1868	Henry C. Weston,	P.	Oct. 13, 1869	1869	14	24	38	8	0	2	2	1	0	0	1	0	1	93	130	16 77	.....
Benson		1790	Henry M. Holmes,	P.	May 10, 1869	1869	61	99	160	39	2	1	3	3	5	0	8	1	3	132	150	200 00	20,000
Brandon	Sept. 23, 1785	Franklin Tuxbury,	P.	July 15, 1857	1865	70	140	210	31	8	10	18	4	6	0	10	7	1	165	175	213 76	20,000
Castleton		1784	Lewis Francis,	P.	Feb. 18, 1863	1864	60	139	199	43	0	3	3	4	2	0	6	0	0	186	....	810 08	10,000
(Chittenden)	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Clarendon	Feb. 18, 1822	William T. Herrick,	P.	May 28, 1851	1861	32	47	79	12	4	0	4	2	0	0	2	0	0	112	96	278 38	5,400
Danby	Nov. 4, 1859	James P. Stone,	A. P.	Oct. 16, 1839	1869	7	14	21	5	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	85	55	12 00	.....
Dorset	Sept. 22, 1784	Parsons S. Pratt,	P.	Sept. 29, 1847	1856	37	78	115	15	2	2	4	1	1	0	2	1	1	165	160	281 27	7,000
Dorset East	Oct. 1, 1867	C. H. Dunton, Meth.	A. P.	.....	....	2	5	7	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	75	100	.....	.....
Fair Haven		1803	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	25	50	75	10	0	5	5	2	6	0	8	0	0	80	100	150 00	5,000
Hubbardton		1782	Calvin Granger,	A. P.	Aug. 6, 1834	1864	19	34	53	9	1	1	2	1	1	0	2	0	0	75	75	.....	4,000
Manchester		1784	Rufus S. Cushman,	P.	Dec. 1843	1862	62	108	170	18	1	2	3	4	1	0	5	1	1	180	250	270 08	23,500
Middletown		1780	Osborne Myrick,	A. P.	Feb. 18, 1846	1869	15	32	47	17	1	0	1	0	5	0	5	1	0	147	120	38 00	7,500
Pawlet	Aug. 8, 1781	John P. Demeritt,	A. P.	May 31, 1870	1871	25	67	92	21	5	2	7	2	2	0	4	4	0	136	150	101 75	7,500
Pittsford		1784	Russell T. Hall,	P.	Sept. 8, 1870	1870	73	123	196	28	9	3	12	4	2	0	6	7	0	220	225	500 82	15,000
Poultney	.....	.....	Vacant.	.....	.....	.....	30	65	95	....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	80	47 00	5,000
Pownal	May 21, 1851	J. L. Cook, Meth.,	A. P.	.....	1868	7	25	32	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	70	25 00	3,000
Rupert	June 6, 1786	Joseph Garland,	A. P.	June 21, 1848	1870	26	57	83	5	0	0	0	2	2	0	4	0	0	70	90	40 00	8,000
Rutland	Oct. 5, 1788	J. Gibson Johnson,	P.	Dec. 27, 1866	1870	150	337	487	103	4	8	12	6	11	0	17	1	6	400	500	2,939 20	40,000
Rutland West	Oct. 13, 1773	Vacant.	.....	1859	1869	75	123	198	20	0	0	0	3	3	0	6	0	5	250	250	688 10	18,000
Sandgate	.....	.....	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	2	5	7	3	0	0	0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	0	0	0 00	.....
Sudbury		1791	H. F. Rustedt,	A. P.	Feb. 8, 1841	1857	11	23	34	7	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	50	50	76 00	3,000
Tinmouth	.....	.....	Vacant.	.....	.....	.....	5	15	20	0	0	0	0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5,000
Wallingford		1792	Aldace Walker, D.D	P.	Dec. 30, 1840	1862	34	81	114	17	5	3	8	3	4	0	7	2	0	125	148	433 65	6,000
West Haven		1817	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	7	4	11	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	0	....	.....	3,000
27		13 Pastors, 8 A. P.					954	1983	2937	457	55	48	103	51	60	0	111	32	26	3236	3344	$8313 57	$252,400

Ministers without charge—Charles Redfield, East Arlington; Chauncey H. Hubbard, Bennington; Harvey O. Higley, Ulric Maynard, R. G. Williams, Castleton; Stephen Williams, Clarendon; James Anderson, Lewis A. Austin, J. D. Wickham, D. D., Manchester; James R. Bourne, Northampton, Mass.; Josiah W. Brown, Charlton City, Mass.; Lucius L. Tilden, Washington, D. C.

Dismissed—James R. Bourne, W. Rutland, March 22, 1872.

Installed—C. B. Hulbert, Bennington, May 1, 1872.

Register of Conference—Rev. William T. Herrick.

Time of meeting of Conference—First Tuesday in June.

10. WASHINGTON CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. WILLIAM S. HAREN.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors.	Ac. Pa.	ORGANIZED.	Church Members.			Scholars.			Benevolence.			Expenses.					
Barre	Nov. 14,	[illegible] Tenney,			March [illegible]															
Berlin	Oct. 17,	Edwin [illegible]			June															
Berlin West	Feb. 16,	John F. Stone,			Jan. 21,															
Duxbury	Jan. 15,	Vacant																		
Marshfield	May 15,	Nelson P. Coolidge																		
Montpelier	July 20,	Wm. H. Ford D. D.																		
Northfield	May 27,	Wm. S. Haren																		
Plainfield	Jan. 5,	Vacant																		
Roxbury	March,	Abbot Cadell																		
Waitsfield	June 27,	Jason M. Babcock																		
Warren		Vacant																		
Waterbury	July 10,	Jesse Copeland																		
Worcester	Feb. 25,	Vacant																		
13		[illegible]																		

Ministers without charge. Charles S. Smith [illegible] Vermont [illegible]
Pratt [illegible]

Ordained [illegible] P. Cobleigh [illegible]

Licentiates. Arthur T. Reed [illegible]

Place of meeting [illegible]

11. WINDHAM CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. CYRUS HAMLIN.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min Con'ceel.	Church Memb'rs.				Admitted.			Removed.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath Schools.	Average Congreg.	Benev'nt Contrib.	Estima'd Value of Church Property
						Male.	Fem.	Tot.	Abs.	Prof.	Lett.	Tot.	Deth	Dism	Excl.	Tot.	Adult	Inf'nt				
Bellows Falls	Aug. 9, 1850	Cyrus Hamlin,	P.	Oct. 29, 1868	1868	21	41	62	14	1	0	1	1	1	0	2	0	0	90	90	$123 48	$6,000
Brattleboro West.	1770	Joseph Chandler,	P.	April 22, 1846	1845	51	93	144	16	7	1	8	4	4	1	9	7	4	75	175	439 40	5,000
Brattleboro East..	1816	Nathaniel Mighill,	P.	Sept. 24, 1864	1867	94	198	292	48	10	15	25	5	5	0	10	4	1	275	300	2,259 11	30,000
Cambridgeport	April 16, 1868	J. C. McCollom,	P.	March 23, 1869	1867	20	26	46	2	0	2	2	2	2	0	4	0	0	95	115	10 08	2,000
Dover	Jan. 3, 1872	O. C. Dickerson*	A. P.	March 16, 1856	1871	9	16	25	1	16	9	25	0	0	0	0	10	0	30	50	.....	1,200
Dover West	Jan. 17, 1869	S. H. Amsden,	A. P.	June 12, 1856	1870	13	18	31	4	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	50	125	18 00	4,000
Dummerston	Aug. 17, 1779	L. G. Chase,	P.	1870	1870	32	84	116	31	7	0	7	3	1	1	5	5	0	130	100	141 78	3,000
Fayetteville	June 30, 1774	David Shurtleff,	A. P.	.....	1869	20	48	68	5	4	3	7	1	0	0	1	3	0	114	150	74 79	5,000
Grafton	June 20, 1785	Earl J. Ward,	P.	March 11, 1868	1867	40	68	108	30	5	3	8	1	2	0	3	4	0	100	....	100 00	.....
Guilford	.....	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....
Halifax West	.....	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....
Jamaica	1791	Charles Burnham,	A. P.	Nov. 1841	1871	11	21	32	1	2	5	7	1	2	0	3	0	0	82	75	8 00	2,000
Londonderry So.	.....	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....
Londonderry No.	Aug. 19, 1868	Daniel Goodhue,	A. P.	May 2, 1848	1871	9	18	27	1	3	4	7	2	0	0	2	0	0	100	88	28 00	2,000
Marlboro	.....	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....
Peru	Dec. 23, 1807	Asa F. Clark,	A. P.	1842	1868	48	78	126	15	1	0	1	2	5	0	7	0	3	125	150	95 00	3,500
Putney	Oct. 16, 1776	Amos Foster,	A. P.	March 2, 1825	1866	22	67	89	16	1	3	4	2	5	0	7	0	1	130	145	93 25	6,000
Saxton's River	Jan. 1, 1825	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	32	65	97	52	0	0	0	2	4	0	6	0	0	0	69	40 00	4,000
Stratton	Aug. 30, 1801	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	6	16	22	8	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	60	80	20 00	.....
Townshend East	Sept. 7, 1792	F. W. Olmstead,	A. P.	July, 1848	1870	45	63	108	7	0	7	7	1	3	0	4	0	1	100	150	140 00	8,000
Townsend West	Oct. 8, 1850	Daniel H. Babcock,	A. P.	Nov. 7, 1839	1871	8	38	46	16	2	1	3	1	2	0	3	2	0	80	80	43 06	2,800
Wardsboro	.....	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....
Westminster East	June 11, 1767	O. S. Morris,	A. P.	.....	....	18	63	81	15	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	167	125	40 00	6,000
Westminster W.	Oct. 31, 1799	Alfred Stevens,	P.	Feb. 22, 1843	1842	45	55	100	10	0	0	0	5	5	0	10	0	0	112	100	350 00	.....
Wilmington	July 4, 1855	A. C. Field,	A. P.	June 28, 1865	1871	26	54	80	22	0	2	2	3	0	0	3	0	0	65	....	35 00	3,000
Windham		Calvin Chapman,	A. P.	Dec. 8, 1842	1870	35	54	89	34	1	1	2	2	4	1	7	1	7	125	125	176 09	3,000
26		7 Pastors, 12 A. P.				605	1184	1789	338	62	56	118	39	46	3	88	38	17	2105	2292	$4,241 04	$96,500

*County Missionary.

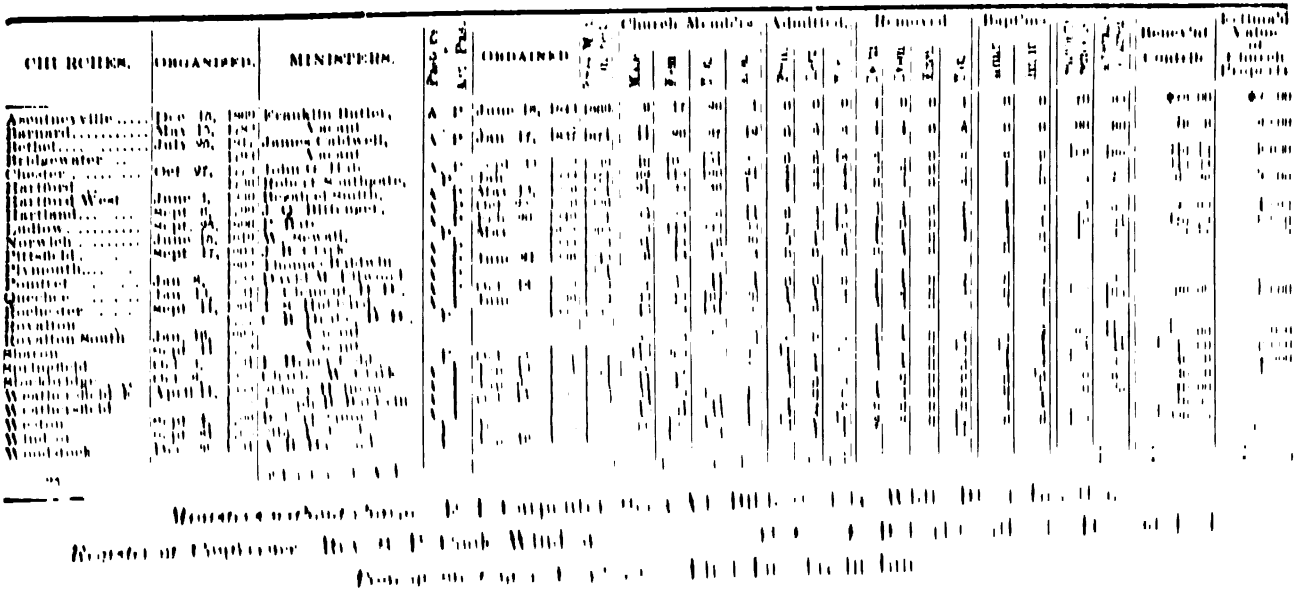
Ministers without charge—Lewis Grout, Agent American Missionary Association; J. W. Thyng, West Brattleboro; Augustus Chandler, Dummerston.

Dismissed—J. G. Wilson, Saxton's River. *Register of Conference*—Rev. Cyrus Hamlin.

Time of meeting of Conference—First Wednesdey in September.

Annual County S. S. Convention in June, (this year June 12th.)

12. WINDSOR CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. WILLIAM SEWALL.



SUMMARY.

CONFERENCES.	Chs. with Pastors.	Chs. with A. P.	Chs. with Licen.	Vacant Churches.	Total Churches.	Licentiates W. C.	Ministers W. C.	Total Ministers.	Chs. Repor'ng Sal.	Salaries paid to Ministers	Church Members. Males.	Females.	Total.	Absent.	Admitted. Profession.	Letter.	Total.	Removed. Death.	Dismission.	Exclusion.	Total.	Bapt'ms Adult.	Infant.	Sabbath School.	Average Congreg.	Chs. reporting Contributions.	Benev. Contrib'ns.	Chs. Reporting Property.	Estimated Value of Church Property.
Addison	6	6	0	2	14	2	5	21	10	$10,250	627	1160	1787	95	34	26	60	37	36	1	74	12	21	1558	1695	11	$2,861	13	$119,300
Caledonia	7	7	0	0	14	0	4	18	13	14,000	611	1251	1862	385	67	52	119	32	40	1	73	35	27	2635	2217	12	14,528	14	99,800
Chittenden	6	10	0	2	18	1	14	29	12	13,100	486	1014	1500	252	73	38	111	34	39	1	74	43	19	1744	2134	12	3,328	15	206,500
Essex	0	2	0	1	3	0	1	3	2	1,200	76	134	210	44	0	0	0	3	5	0	8	0	0	103	137	2	76	3	4,850
Franklin & Grand Isle	2	8	1	2	13	0	3	13	10	7,900	383	691	1074	160	40	29	69	17	30	1	48	21	22	1164	1357	12	4,561	11	108,000
Lamoille	4	2	0	3	9	0	1	7	5	3,600	159	340	499	90	23	33	56	14	12	0	26	10	1	670	747	5	290	4	14,000
Orange	8	7	0	5	20	0	3	19	12	10,825	624	1355	1989	353	117	63	180	26	41	0	67	76	20	2070	1945	13	3,150	15	70,675
Orleans	5	10	0	3	18	0	4	19	13	10,050	438	815	1253	215	34	20	54	22	45	1	68	20	27	1767	1681	14	1,124	18	64,400
Rutland & Bennington	12	8	0	8	28	0	12	32	17	20,555	954	1983	2937	457	55	48	103	51	60	0	111	82	26	3236	3349	22	8,313	23	252,400
Washington	5	4	0	4	13	1	2	12	8	8,900	410	789	1199	282	34	26	60	21	24	0	45	17	12	1360	1341	8	2,004	7	100,600
Windham	7	12	1	6	26	0	3	23	17	14,500	605	1184	1789	338	62	56	118	39	46	3	88	38	17	2105	2292	20	4,241	18	96,500
Windsor	6	15	0	4	25	0	1	22	13	11,300	736	1509	2245	408	79	42	121	39	57	0	96	59	32	2138	1959	18	7,970	15	95,500
	68	91	2	40	201	4	53	218	132	$126,180	6119	12225	18344	3095	618	433	1051	335	435	8	778	363	224	19950	20854	149	$52,446	156	$1,232,625

VERMONT DOMESTIC

MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

MINUTES OF THE FIFTY-FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING.

THE fifty-fourth anniversary of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society was held at Brattleboro, on Wednesday, June 19, 1872.

The Society was called to order by the President, J. W. Hickok, Esq.

After singing, and prayer by Rev. J. G. Hale, the following gentlemen were appointed a committee to nominate officers for the ensuing year, viz: Rev. S. L. Bates, Rev. M. L. Severance and Dea. Amasa Woolson.

The Treasurer's Report was read by J. C. Emery, Esq., and adopted. The following is a summary of it:

Balance on hand at the beginning of the year..	$2,483 66
Receipts during the year.....	11,882 29
Total.....	$14,365 95
The disbursements have been.....	12,894 02
Balance now on hand.....	$1,471 93

The Directors' Report was read by the Secretary, Rev. C. S. Smith.

On motion of Rev. Wm. Sewall, the report was accepted and ordered to be printed.

Remarks were made by Rev. O. C. Dickerson, C. F. Thompson and others.

The Committee on Nominations reported the following list of officers for the ensuing year, who were elected:

President—J. W. HICKOK, Esq.

Vice Presidents—Hon. E. P. WALTON, Hon. JOHN B. PAGE, CHARLES DANA, Esq.

Corresponding Secretary—Rev. C. S. SMITH.

Recording Secretary—Rev. LEONARD TENNEY.

Directors—Rev. H. F. LEAVITT, Rev. W. H. LORD, D. D., THADDEUS FAIRBANKS, Esq., J. G. STIMSON, Esq., Rev. C. E. FERRIN, Rev. W. S. HAZEN, Rev. LEWIS FRANCIS, Rev. W. S. PALMER, Rev. L. H. COBB, Rev. A. W. WILD, Rev. NATHANIEL MIGHILL, Rev. G. B. SAFFORD.

The President, J. W. HICKOK, Esq., and the Corresponding Secretary, Rev. C. S. SMITH, are also Directors *ex officiis*.

Treasurer—J. C. EMERY, Esq., Montpelier.

Auditor—Hon. JOHN A. PAGE.

The following resolution was introduced by Rev. C. C. Torrey, and passed:

Resolved, That our churches should supplement the work of the Society by special efforts and contributions within the bounds of their respective Conferences, after the example of the Windham County Conference, in the doings of the past year.

After singing the doxology, the Society adjourned.

LEONARD TENNEY,
Recording Secretary.

FIFTY-FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT.

As we meet, on this fifty-fourth anniversary of our missionary labor, we are called to record the death of Dea. CONSTANT W. STORRS, who acted for thirty-one years as Treasurer of this Society. In March last, finding that he was drawing near to the end of life, he desired to be released from the duties of his office. The Executive Committee immediately appointed Mr. J. C. EMERY Treasurer for the remainder of the year. But before a final transfer of the books and property of the Society was effected, Dea. STORRS was called to his last account. He was an earnest, active Christian, a worthy officer in Bethany Church, Montpelier, and, though not often present at our annual meetings, discharged the duties of his office as Treasurer well.

TREASURY.

During a part of the year our treasury was over-drawn, and we were obliged to hire $500 to meet our pledges. This deficiency was owing, in part, to a delay of some churches in sending in their

contributions till late in the year, and to the fact that, during the fall and winter, the appeals made by the American Home Missionary Society diverted from our treasury the contributions of some churches. For the last two months, the contributions and donations have come in so liberally as to free us from debt, and leave $1,471.93 in the treasury with which to enter upon a new year.

The receipts of the year, from all sources, have been $11,882.29. Adding to this $2,483.66, the balance in the treasury at the beginning of the year, we have, as the total resources of the year, $14,365.95. Of this sum, $2,500 were from legacies which were given to be kept as a permanent fund, and have been invested and secured by mortgage on real-estate.

The amount received from Cent Societies, donations and contributions, for our itinerant work, has been $2,215. In addition to this, there have been received from the itinerant fields $585.56, making the whole receipts for the itinerant work $2,800.56. The disbursements in the itinerant work have been $2,775.50.

There have been sent directly to the American Home Missionary Society, during the year, without passing through our treasury, $6,288.73, a considerable part of which was in legacies. So that the total amount given in the State for home missionary purposes, during the year, has been $18,171.02. Adding to this the amount in our treasury at the beginning of the year, it gives us $20,654.68 as the available funds for the missionary work—a larger sum than has been reported in any previous year.

It seems exceedingly desirable that all the churches should send their contributions directly to our treasury. Then we shall be saved from the necessity of hiring money, and whatever is not needed for our work in the State will be sent to the American Home Missionary Society.

STATISTICAL TABLES.

The following tables will be found to contain the principal statistics relating to the several aided churches and fields, occupied during the year in the Ordinary and Itinerant departments, with brief notices of each.

TABULAR VIEW OF AIDED CHURCHES.

Number.	Churches.	Missionaries.	Date of Commission.	Length of Com	Aid pledged.	Mos. of labor performed.	Hopeful convs	Add'd		Remov'd			Resid. Memb.	Male Resid.	Non-Resid.	Average Cong.	No. in Sab.Sch.	Contributions.	
								Profess.	Letter.	Dismiss.	Deaths.	Excomm.						Home Missions.	Other Objects.
1	Arlington & Sunderland.	Charles Redfield....	June 1, 1871	12	$200 00	11	1	1	0	3	5	0	35	8	8	60	70	$16 66	$0 00
2	Berkshire East.....	Elias W. Hatch.....	April 1, 1872	12	100 00	12	7	7	0	3	0	0	48	17	4	75	100	10 75	64 60
3	Berlin West	John F. Stone.....	June 1, 1871	12	200 00	12	3	0	0	0	1	0	16	5	1	55	85	28 20	20 00
4	Braintree East.....	Arthur T. Reed.....	Sept. 1, 1871	12	150 00	9	56	42	11	0	0	0	51	19	2	175	120	0 0	0 00
5	Brownington	Israel T. Otis.....	July 10, 1870	12	175 00	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	.....
6	Burke East.....	Joseph Underwood..	May 1, 1871	12	100 00	11	5	6	0	0	1	0	47	18	13	75	50	16 50	0 00
7	Cambridgeport	Julius C. McCollom.	June 1, 1871	12	200 00	12	7	0	2	2	2	0	46	16	4	115	95	5 50	10 50
8	Charleston.....	Alexander C. Childs.	June 1, 1871	12	200 00	12	7	6	1	0	0	0	66	17	8	100	109	73 31	120 30
9	Colchester	Charles M. Seaton...	Jan. 1, 1872	12	150 00	12	11	4	2	0	0	0	55	8	10	75	66	22 00	268 85
10	Danby	James P. Stone.....	June 1, 1871	12	200 00	12	12	0	0	1	0	0	16	5	5	55	85	10 00	2 00
11	Dover West.....	S. H. Amsden.....	May 8, 1872	12	200 00	12	2	1	0	0	0	0	25	9	5	125	80	.....	8 00
12	Gaysville.....	Charles W. Clark...	April 1, 1872	12	150 00	12	1	4	1	1	2	0	61	21	22	82	120	25 00	21 00
13	Glover	Sidney K. B. Perkins.	Aug. 15, 1870	12	100 00	3	2	1	1	4	1	0	61	18	15	139	280	10 00	83 00
14	Granby and Victory....	Joshua Eaton.....	Nov. 1, 1871	7	112 00	8	0	0	0	1	0	0	35	15	8	44	070	11 38	36 71
15	Highgate.....	Elam J. Comings....	June 1, 1871	12	125 00	11	1	1	2	2	0	0	51	12	13	75	110	8 00	27 00
16	Holland	Timothy E. Ranney.	June 1, 1871	12	100 00	12	1	0	1	0	0	0	5	1	10	60	75	10 83	34 00
17	Hubbardton.....	Calvin Granger.....	Sept. 1, 1871	12	125 00	12	0	1	1	1	1	0	44	17	9	75	70	31 25	.....
18	Hydepark.....	John G. Bailey.....	June 1, 1871	12	200 00	12	1	0	1	0	2	0	24	7	5	75	80	23 50	6 50
19	Irasburgh	Azro A. Smith.....	Dec. 1, 1871	12	100 00	6	2	0	0	4	0	0	35	13	23	150	100	0 0	.....

20	Jamaica	Charles Burnham	April 1,	1872	12	200	00	2	0	2	2	0	0	0	30	10	2	100	82	0	00	0	00
21	Londonderry	Daniel Goodhue	April 1,	1872	12	200	00	12	0	3	4	0	2	0	27	9	18	90	100	25	30	23	00
22	Lowell	Frederick B. Phelps	April 1,	1872	12	200	00	12	6	3	0	*1	1	0	46	18	7	86	110	10	00	5	00
23	Ludlow	Philander Bates	June 1,	1871	12	200	00	12	7	9	3	4	3	0	66	18	14	90	92	16	00	12	00
24	Marshfield	Neilson F. Cobleigh	May 23,	1872	12	200	00	12	2	4	0	0	0	0	33	14	2	73	80	13	00	0	00
25	Middletown	Osborne Myrick	Nov. 1,	1871	12	150	00	12	0	1	0	5	1	0	38	10	8	120	148	10	00	30	00
26	Morgan	Timothy E. Ranney	June 1,	1871	12	100	00	12	0	0	0	0	2	0	23	6	8	80	75	4	61	4	24
27	Morrisville	Vitellus M. Hardy	Sept. 1,	1871	12	100	00	12	14	12	14	4	4	0	87	29	8	156	140	20	00	54	00
28	Newbury West	Robert D. Miller	Mar. 1,	1872	12	200	00	12	0	0	4	0	1	0	46	15	1	100	100	22	00	25	00
29	Pittsfield	Josiah B. Clark	April 1,	1872	12	100	00	12	1	3	1	1	3	0	44	17	30	65	50	12	77	31	20
30	Ripton	Cephas H. Kent	June 1,	1871	12	200	00	12	1	0	1	0	0	0	41	15	22	40	...	30	00	95	20
31	Roxbury	Alden Ladd	Oct. 1,	1871	12	200	00	12	2	1	4	1	2	0	42	18	14	70	50	0	00	10	00
32	Royalton South	Stephen F. Drew	May 25,	1871	12	200	00	11	0	7	0	2	0	0	33	9	7	80	60	6	00	300	00
33	St. Albans 2d	Dana B. Bradford	Feb. 25,	1872	12	200	00	12	1	0	8	3	0	0	43	8	8	75	50	12	79	0	00
34	Sudbury	Henry F. Rustdet	Sept. 1,	1871	12	200	00	12	0	0	0	1	0	0	38	8	7	70	48	18	00	36	00
35	Troy	David Connell	Jan. 1,	1872	12	100	00	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	4	0	75	...	.....		.....	..
36	Troy North	David Connell	Dec. 1,	1870	12	200	00	6	2	0	0	0	2	0	40	13	5	90	40	0	00	10	00
37	Tunbridge	Ozias S. Morris	Aug. 1,	1871	12	150	00	12	4	2	0	0	1	0	40	16	5	85	65	14	00	35	00
38	Weathersfield Bow	Sidney Holman	Mar. 1,	1871	12	190	00	12	3	3	6	0	0	0	29	8	10	90	85	23	50	7	00
39	Weston	Robert Samuel	Mar. 10,	1872	12	200	00	3	0	3	1	0	1	0	31	11	11	80	60	0	00	10	50
40	Whiting	Harvey F. Leavitt	Jan. 1,	1872	12	100	00	12	0	4	1	0	0	0	10	2	0	50	40	.....		.....	..
41	Wolcott	Horace Herrick	April 1,	1872	12	150	00	12	0	0	0	3	0	0	33	11	15	75	40	14	50	0	00
42	Worcester	Amos F. Shattuck	Aug. 1,	1870	12	200	00	2	0	0	0	2	3	0	32	7	11	65	45	0	00	0	00

THE AIDED CHURCHES.

1. ARLINGTON AND SUNDERLAND. The year has been one of trial. The commission of crime in the community, as the result of intemperance, the want of perfect harmony in the church, and the removal of the acting pastor, have had an unsettling effect upon the minds of the people. The church are, however, making earnest efforts to secure another minister, and continue the ordinances of God's house.

2. BERKSHIRE EAST. The pastor writes, "Our revival interest has been greater, during the past year, than at any time since my connection with this church. Six young persons, as the fruit of the awakening, have connected themselves with us. One very gratifying feature of our work, for the past five years, has been the steadfastness of those who have united with us. Only one case of defection has occurred. Last October I offered my resignation as pastor of this church, but was constrained to withdraw it, after being assured that the relation was satisfactory, and that all proper efforts to increase my support would be made."

3. BERLIN WEST. The meeting-house has been remodeled, thoroughly repaired, and furnished with blinds. The audience room has been carpeted and tastefully finished, and a commodious vestry has been added, at a total expense of about $1000. The missionary reports the meetings for prayer and conference as having been well sustained, and during a part of the year special seriousness and some hopeful conversions.

4. BRAINTREE EAST AND BROOKFIELD WEST. This church was organized in October last, as the fruit of itinerant labor. It was transferred from the Itinerant to the Ordinary department last fall. For a more full account of it see under "Itinerant Fields."

5. BROWNINGTON. Rev. I. T. Otis closed his labors with this church in July, 1871. Since then they have been unsupplied much of the time, till the present summer. A student now preaches to them. Services are held part of the time at Barton Landing.

6. BURKE EAST. At the close of the year Rev. Joseph Underwood resigned his work here, and retired from the ministry at a ripe old age. He writes, "The church is well equipped for the work expected of them. They have a parsonage, a meeting-house

and vestry, furnished with a bell and organ, and the whole fitted up in good order. They are to be regarded as able, with some assistance, to sustain the preaching of the gospel. In the early part of the winter past, a religious interest was awakened in the community, resulting in additions to the three churches. Six were added to the Congregational church. One young man, a member of this church, is fitting for the ministry."

7. CAMBRIDGEPORT. The missionary writes, "The past year has been one of interest to us. A revival commenced in the north district some months since, and seven or more have, I trust, been converted. I am now holding services there once in two weeks, at five o'clock. Death has entered our ranks, and called two of our most precious ones home—one of them my own dear wife, and the other a young man of great promise. They died in faith, and left behind an influence that is telling for Christ. During the year the Ladies' Benevolent Society have purchased and presented to the church a very fine bell, of one thousand pounds weight."

8. CHARLESTON WEST. The church has enjoyed a good degree of prosperity during the year, six having been added to it by profession. The close of the year brings with it the dismission of Rev. A. C. Childs, the pastor of this church. It is to be hoped that they will soon be able to secure another faithful under-shepherd.

9. COLCHESTER. This church, in connection with the others in the town, has been refreshed by the Spirit's presence. The interest commenced with the week of prayer, and its influence was felt through the winter and spring. One young man, a member of the church, is preparing for the ministry.

10. DANBY. The missionary writes, "The past year has been one of trial to the church, and to their minister. A lack of harmony and love among the members of the church has been a serious hindrance to its prosperity. Then the continual storm, of opposition from the enemies of our organization, has hindered our progress somewhat. Our being shut out from the occupancy of the meeting-house, from the first of January till the last of April, by an injunction of the Court of Chancery, procured by those opposed to Congregationlists, and served upon the Union Meeting-House Society, was to our disadvantage. The hall in which, during almost four months, we held our meetings being not very convenient or inviting, the average attendance upon preaching and at the Sabbath School was considerably diminished. That injunction was, late in April, so modified by the Court as to allow the Congregationalists to occupy the house Sabbath afternoons, from one

to four and a half o'clock, and the whole of Thursdays and Saturdays. Thus the case will probably stand till September, when possibly the final trial may be had."

The missionary has experienced inconvenience from a want of promptness in paying his salary, and expresses doubts as to his duty to remain there longer.

11. DOVER WEST. This church has suffered some heavy losses, but holds on its way. Mr. Amsden has entered upon the third year of his ministry with them. The new parsonage is fully appreciated.

12. GAYSVILLE. The year has been one of harmony and more than ordinary religious interest. The attendance upon all religous services has been good. A cabinet organ has been purchased, and a Childrens' Missionary Society has been organized, which holds weekly meetings and proves very interesting to the young. The church and society are feeling solicitude as to their pecuniary ability's being affected unfavorably by some business changes in the village.

13. GLOVER. On the 5th of August, 1871, the church voted "That, with the aid of God, they would support the Gospel without further aid from the Missionary Society." The missionary writes "This movement is not the result of a spasmodic effort. The sum raised here for religious purposes, in various ways, has gradually increased from about $300, when I came here, to a little over $700 last year. They expect to give me a fair support. Should unexpected events arise, in coming years, to weaken them, they hope to be permitted to look back again to your Society for such aid as shall be absolutely needed." With pleasure we take leave of this church and her pastor, and bid them God speed in their onward and upward way.

14. GRANBY AND VICTORY. The missionary suspended his labors for about four months of the year from ill health. During the most of that season meetings were kept up on the Sabbath, sermons being read by the deacon. The missionary adds, "The people have been to great expense in buying provender to get their cattle through the winter. I doubt if they will feel able to raise money for preaching another year." Is provender for cattle more needful in Granby and Victory than is the Bread of Life to the souls of the people?

15. HIGHGATE. This church is now without a minister. Rev. E. J. Comings, who has labored here faithfully for nearly five years past, has just given up preaching to them. The congregation and Sabbath School are good, and the field an important one.

16. HOLLAND. Rev. T. E. Ranney has supplied this church half of the time during the year. There has been a gradual diminution of members, by deaths and dismissions, for several years, so that now only one resident male member remains. There are, however, several families attached to the Congregational church. Partly for their sakes, partly from the fear that if we abandoned the field the town would be left ultimately without any religious privileges, and partly because the town, from being a good farming town, has promise of a future, we have been led to help sustain the little church in supporting the means of grace. We have looked with hope every year for some brightening of their prospects. The favored time seems to be delayed. May it soon come.

17. HUBBARDTON. The report from this church did not come in till some time after the year closed The season of religious interest which was enjoyed two years ago seems to have been followed by a reaction, and the attendance upon public worship has fallen off. Two weekly prayer meetings are sustained, and the missionary hopes for a favorable change.

18. HYDEPARK. The efforts made to build a church, which at one time seemed to promise speedy success, at the last moment came to nought. The heart of the pastor, who has labored faithfully with this little church since its organization, was much cast down by this result, as he has felt that their only hope of growth depended upon their having a place of worship of their own. It may yet be seen that this failure was a necessary step to ultimate success.

19. IRASBURGH. This church has, for many years, been rent by internal divisions, and in an unhealthy state. They have united in very thoroughly repairing their church, have secured a minister in whom they are united, and have asked help this year "to carry them over the sand-bar of financial work, with the hope that soon they will be making a more prosperous voyage."

20. JAMAICA. There has been a decided gain in this church within the past few years. Their house of worship has been neatly repaired. During the past year, by the enterprise of the ladies, it has been carpeted. A new and beautiful communion service has recently been presented to the church, with three chairs for the pulpit. Union and harmony prevail both in the church and society, and their prospects seem encouraging. They have a debt, incurred in repairing their church, to pay which they need the aid of kind friends.

21. LONDONDERRY. This church has enjoyed the constant labors of a missionary through the year, who reports their condi-

tion as favorable. Some old sources of anxiety are removed, and the prospects of the church are hopeful. New horse-sheds have been built, and the Sabbath School library increased.

22. LOWELL. By sacrifice and self-denial, this little church is enabled, with the aid granted them, to sustain the public worship of God. They are united in their pastor, and receive, from year to year, the early and the latter rain.

23. LUDLOW. The year has been one of unusual prosperity and blessing to this church. During the winter and spring considerable religious interest was manifest. The church has gained in spiritual tone, and the society in financial ability. They ask for less aid than in past years. A reed organ has been added to the furnishing of the house.

24. MARSHFIELD. The great events of the year are the building and dedicating, free of debt, their first house of worship, furnished with carpet, bell and organ, and the settling of their first pastor. The Sabbath School has doubled in numbers, and the interest taken in the study of God's Word is encouraging.

25. MIDDLETOWN. The missionary reports, as the encouragements of the year, "The raising of funds to shingle and refit the church; the purchase of an organ; the replenishing of the Sabbath School library; the increased number and interest in the Sabbath School; a flourishing singing school, embracing a large number of the young people of the congregation; the opening of a large hotel, which attracts a great number of summer boarders, some of whom attended our religious meetings; the good news that two young men, members of our Bible class, who left us to settle in Kansas, retain their interest in religious institutions, and are laboring to establish them there; and the harmony and good tone in the church." The discouraging things he states as "The removal of some families who were active in the church; the indifference of many; the skepticism of some in the community; and the inroads of certain social evils."

26. MORGAN. Rev. T. E. Ranney has supplied this church, on alternate Sabbaths, most of the year. The church worship in a union house with the Methodists. The Sabbath School is a union school. The only practicable way for supplying this and the church in Holland with preaching seems to be for them to unite in hiring the same minister, as they are now doing.

27. MORRISVILLE. This church settled a pastor on the 31st of January, and God's blessing has attended the union. The pastor writes, "Our *material* work for the year includes the moving

of our church building, the raising and putting underneath it a vestry, conveniently divided into three rooms, furnished with chairs and settees; the warming of the church with furnaces, and preparation for further repairs the coming year." In *spiritual* things we have had encouragement in the conversion of souls, the quickening of believers, and such other results as the presence of God's spirit secures."

28. NEWBURY WEST. The missionary preaches in two different places. The Methodists occupy the same ground and houses on alternate Sabbaths. The Sabbath Schools are union schools. While a kindly Christian feeling is cultivated, the missionary sometimes feels that he could labor with more of a *home* feeling, and with greater success if, on each returning Sabbath, he could gather, from both districts, all in perfect sympathy with him into a house of their own.

29. PITTSFIELD. The community that surrounds and supplies this church is small. Every loss, by death or removal, is deeply felt. There is no prospect that it will soon be self-sustaining. It needs, however, to be sustained, that Christ may be honored by those who dwell there, and as a recruiting ground for churches in other localities. The missionary expects, during the coming year, to preach a fourth of the time in Sherburne.

30. RIPTON. This mountain hight offers many obstacles to the laborer, and returns but a small harvest. The people are scattered, and, for the most part, with small pecuniary ability. The church are not all strong in the grace that is in Christ. The children are so few, connected with the congregation, that it is difficult to sustain a Sabbath School. Yet there are a faithful few, followers of their Lord here, and, sustained by their prayers, the pastor labors on, praying for the coming of the time when the house of the Lord upon the tops of the mountains shall be filled with devout worshipers.

31. ROXBURY. This church has completed and dedicated, free of debt, their first house of worship. This is a great event for them, and gives them a position in the community, and an independence they could not otherwise have secured. The building of a parsonage is their next great necessity. We hope that, in due time, it may be attained. They have been greatly favored in enjoying the stated labors of one pastor for several years past.

32. ROYALTON SOUTH. This church is suffering from another change of ministers. Rev. S. F. Drew left, at the close of his year, in May, for the West. The church and society are in good condition, and, with an earnest and devoted pastor, might reasonably look for increased stability and growth.

33. ST. ALBANS BAY. This community suffered a great loss some years ago, in the blighting of their business prospects. The church was so weakened and discouraged that meetings were suspended for several years, and the sheep were left without a shepherd. What wonder if some of them have wandered so far from the fold that they have lost a knowledge of the way, or the desire to return? Through kindly influences and substantial aid from friends, they came together some two years ago, and resumed public worship. They suffer, however, from the unsettled and restless feeling that invariably attends a long suspension of the ordinary means of grace, and from the difficulty of leading persons who have, for a season, cast off the responsibilities of sustaining the means of grace, of at once assuming those responsibilities and patiently bearing the needful burdens. But we hope, by continuing in the right way, strength, stability and right habits will be the result. They have received most valuable assistance, in their Sabbath School, by the labors of Mr. F. Dutcher, of the first church, who acts as Superintendent. A society of ladies have acted with great efficiency the past year, raising $374, with which they have bought a very superior reed organ.

34. SUDBURY. There is little change to chronicle in this hill parish from year to year. The people of God are few, and the forces of evil and error are strong. From time to time one and another of the young are brought into the kingdom of Christ, and started on their journey to the heavenly city, while those already on their way are cheered and refreshed by the way. But it must be confessed that the greater number of the inhabitants choose the broad way, and are not persuaded to turn their steps into the way of God's testimonies. The missionary has patiently labored here for some years. The full amount of good accomplished eternity alone can reveal.

35. TROY. This church has been without preaching most of the time for a year, till Mr. Connell came there. He preaches for them only half of the time. The little band of Christians is very feeble, and indifference and error very strong and inveterate.

36. TROY NORTH. There is no preaching here at present. With a village of considerable size and a wide out-lying country, without religious privileges, it seems exceedingly important to sustain this little church. With a good church edifice and a parsonage, they ought to be able to give a minister, with help from the Missionary Society, a comfortable support.

37. TUNBRIDGE. The missionary has labored through the year, but having received a call to another field, expects soon to leave.

Quite a number of young people have been gathered into this church within a few years past, but most of them have left for other places. It is to be hoped that they will not long be left unsupplied.

38. WEATHERSFIELD BOW. This church has received $100, in addition to the Jarvis fund, for the year ending March 1, 1872. They are now supporting their minister without that help. We commend them for so doing. The town of Weathersfield unfortunately has no common center, and contains three feeble Congregational churches. Two of these parishes, at least, ought to be served by one minister, and thus exercise a wise economy, both in respect to ministerial labor and the funds of the church. We doubt not that this course will soon be adopted.

39. WESTON. This church has been without regular preaching for several years. Through the encouragement of neighboring churches and ministers, and the labors of itinerant missionaries, they have been encouraged to renew their efforts to live. Their house of worship has been repaired, at an expense of $500, and they have now a minister to live among them. Their prospects look hopeful.

40. WHITING. Rev. H. F. Leavitt has ministered to this little flock half of the time for another year. Their wants are so many and their resources so few, that their future does not look promising. They need a new house of worship, and a pastor to live with them, but how to secure such results in their feebleness, is a problem. But all things are possible, when there is a working faith.

41. WOLCOTT. The missionary, who has found this, from the beginning, a hard field of labor, and the remuneration small, has, for two or three years, been on the point of leaving it, but he still holds on, in hope of some change for the better.

42. WORCESTER. Mr. Shattuck left at the close of his year in August. Since then the church has had no regular preaching, though some of the time they have had meetings. The church has lost five members, two by dismission and three by death. Dea. Closson's death deprives them of one of their most earnest, devoted and helpful members. They are hoping yet to secure another minister.

TABULAR VIEW OF ITINERANT FIELDS.

FIELDS AND MISSIONARIES.	BEGUN.		Weeks of Labor.	Weekly Salary.	Travelling Expenses.	Amounts Paid. By the People.	Amounts Paid. By the society.	Amounts Paid. Total.	Average Congreg'n.	No. in Sab. School.
1. ATHENS									55	18
Roswell Chapin	May 21,	1871	13	$8 00	$7 00	$7 00	120 00	$120 00	...	...
2. BELVIDERE									60	25
G. W. Benjamin	May 18,	1872	1	8 00					...	...
3. BRAINTREE									70	45
Wm. D. Hart	May 21,	1871	17	8 00	9 00	30 00	107 00	137 00	...	...
4. BRAINTREE Ea., &c.									185	85
Arthur T. Reed	May 21,	1871	6	8 00	5 00	28 00	33 00	61 00	...	...
5. BRIDGEWATER									75	22
John Thomas	May 28,	1871	15	8 50	10 70	.....	138 70	138 70	...	...
G. C Jewell	May 28,	1872	2	8 00						
6. BROOKFIELD WEST									185	85
Arthur T. Reed	May 21,	1871	6	8 00	5 00	28 00	33 00	61 00	...	...
7. BROWNINGTON									75	50
F. Countryman	May 18,	1872	2	8 00					...	...
8. BURKE EAST									65	40
John Thomas	May 18,	1872	2	8 00					...	...
9. CANAAN									40	30
Wm. E. Safford	May 21,	1872	12	8 00	14 50	14 00	110 00	124 00	...	...
10. CALAIS EAST									95	40
Edward Hood	June 1,	1871	14	8 00		60 00	52 00	112 00	...	...
C. N. Fitch	May 30,	1872	..	8 00					...	...
11. DOVER CENTER									65	25
O. C. Dickerson									...	...
12. GUILDHALL									85	45
T. P. Pruden	May 28,	1871	12	8 00	11 50	115 50	.....	115 50	...	...
13. HYDEPARK NORTH.									75	25
Q. L. Dowd	May 21,	1871	6	8 00	.....	24 00	23 85	47 85	...	...
14. MARLBORO									...	...
O. C. Dickerson									...	...
15. ORANGE									130	80
Geo. W. Christie	May 21,	1871	15	8 00	11 00	128 00	11 00	139 00	...	...
16. ROCKINGHAM									...	...
O. C. Dickerson									...	...
C. J. Broadwell	May 25,	1871	1						...	...
17. RUTLAND WEST									70	50
Gust. A. Pehrsson	June 1,	1871	2				100 00		...	...
18. SIMONSVILLE									85	30
Geo. L. Beach	May 29,	1871	14	8 00	6 25	.....	126 00	126 00	...	...
19. STOWE WEST									50	...
J. L. Stoddard	May 25,	1872	1	8 00					...	...
20. STRAFFORD									50	30
A. Barnum	May 18,	1872	2	8 00					...	...
21. STRATTON									75	70
F. S. Fitch	May 24,	1871	12	8 00	7 00	17 06	93 94	111 00	...	...
J. W. Starr	May 23,	1872	1	8 00					...	...
22. WARDSBORO SO									55	30
N. M. Calhoun	May 24,	1872	1	8 00					...	...
23. WATERVILLE									125	76
Q. L. Dowd	May 21,	1871	6	8 00	11 85	68 00	.....	68 00	...	...
G. W. Benjamin	May 18,	1872	1	8 00					...	...
24. WESTON									70	30
Arthur H. Adams	May 24,	1871	13	8 00	6 30	63 15	63 15	126 30	...	...
25. WHITEHALL EAST									60	25
Henry Whitehead	May 21,	1871	14	8 00	7 00	35 00	100 00	135 00	...	...

ITINERANT FIELDS.

1. ATHENS. This town was supplied by a student last summer. There is no Congregational church here. No student has been sent them this season as it was thought they might be supplied by the Methodists, and as the pastor of the church at Cambridgeport holds meetings with them ocasionally.

2. BELVIDERE. We have occupied this ground this year for the first time. There is a small Christian church in town. By their consent, the student is preaching every alternate Sabbath in their house of worship.

3. BRAINTREE. The services, last summer, were well attended, and very interesting. Eight young persons were added to the church. Mr. W. D. Hart, who spent nearly four months preaching here last season, was with the church two Sabbaths last winter, and is preaching there again the present summer. They have taken a step forward in disposing of an old and uninhabitable parsonage, and securing a good house, with several acres of land. They have incurred something of a debt, which they will need the help of kind friends in removing. They continued to hold religious meetings through most of the year, and faithful ones are looking forward with hope to the time when they may again have preaching through the year. Father Nichols is still spared to help them with his counsels and prayers.

4. BRAINTREE EAST AND BROOKFIELD WEST. These two places are in different towns, and in many respects are distinct communities. But they have, the past year, been brought very near to each other by having the same student preach to them, by being both visited at the same time by the Holy Spirit, by frequently assembling together for prayer and worship, and by members of both communities having united in one church organization. They had no stated preaching in either place for some years. A great diversity of religious sentiments prevailed. At the time Mr. Reed went there, in May, 1871, there were no religious meetings in either place, except occasional gatherings by the Spiritists. He commenced by preaching, on alternate Sabbaths, in each place, the simple gospel of the Son of God, and by laboring, personally and from house to house, with all he met, to interest them in the truth of God, and in the salvation of their souls. The Lord blessed the means used to the awakening of a deep religious interest

in both communities. The few Christian people who lived there, and who, in the absence of sympathy and stated religious services, had kept their lights hidden, were quickened, encouraged and heartily sustained the missionary. A gentle work of grace, without noise or excitement, continued through the summer and most of the winter. Such was the manifest presence of God's Spirit, and the earnest desire of the people to have the meetings continued, that Mr. Reed, at the close of his first fourteen weeks of labor, concluded, after a brief vacation, to return and remain with them for a year. The people subscribed $650 towards his support. At that time this field was transferred from the *Itinerant* to the *Ordinary* Department. The character of this work of grace may be judged of, perhaps, from the fact that though the people had previously entertained widely different views on church polity, and some of them were strongly prejudiced against Congregationalists, yet they felt that they were *one* in Christ Jesus, could heartily fellowship each other, and were ready to waive personal preferences in order that they might come together as members of one church. As it seemed best, under the circumstances, that they should form a Congregational church, they did so with perfect harmony, and the Lord seems to have blessed them in so doing. They were organized by a regularly called Council of Congregational churches, Oct. 24, under the name of the East Braintree and West Brookfield Congregational Church. The articles of Faith and Covenant adopted are those used in the Broadway Tabernacle Church, N. Y., written by Dr. J. P. Thompson. Eleven members, of five different denominations, united with the new church by letter. Three of those uniting by profession were baptised by immersion, the remaining twenty-one by sprinkling. They continue to worship on alternate Sabbaths in each place. The congregation and Sabbath School are essentially the same in both places. It is due to Mr. Reed to say that he has labored with great fidelity, and holds a warm place in the hearts of the people. He expects, at the end of his year, to return to the Theological Seminary to complete his studies. We hope that some good man may be found to take his place at once, and that whatever trials this church may have to meet with, "they will continue steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord."

5. BRIDGEWATER. There is but little change in this community. The people have subscribed more readily and largely for preaching this spring than before for some years.

6. BROOKFIELD WEST. See under East Braintree.

7. BROWNINGTON. As this church had been some months without a minister, it was thought best to send them a student for

the summer, with the hope of helping them to a more permanent supply. No report has been received from them yet.

8. BURKE EAST. Rev. J. Underwood has just closed his labors here, and the committee of the church, fearing that they might not be able to get immediately, or to sustain another minister, applied for a student. He has just entered upon his summer's work.

9. CANAAN. This town has no business or religious center, or church organization. They have, in one part of the town, a small Union meeting house. The people residing near Connecticut River attend the meetings in Stewartstown, N. H. The congregations are not large, and the people have succeeded in raising but little more than enough to pay the student's board. No missionary has been sent them this summer, as there was no one who seemed willing to take the responsibility of securing enough for the board of the student.

10. CALAIS EAST was supplied last summer by a student. At present they have no preaching except by our missionary. We think the labor spent here has not been in vain, and wish that some arrangement might be made to supply them, at least half of the time, for the year.

11. DOVER CENTER. Last year Rev. A. Chandler spent eight weeks in preaching here. The county missionary, Rev. O. C. Dickerson, entered into his labors and, with God's blessing, has gathered a church of twenty-four members, nineteen of whom united by profession. For the last nine months Mr. Dickerson has made this his home, and has bestowed more labor here than in any other place in the county. A great change has taken place in the community. Perhaps eventually this church and the one at the West village may unite in employing the same minister, and thus free the Missionary Society from all expense on their account.

12. GUILDALL. There has been preaching here but a small part of the time for two years past. They assumed the entire expenses of the student sent them last year, but have not, as was hoped, secured a permanent minister. With a good church and parsonage, it seems most unwise for them to allow the public worship of God to be neglected.

13. HYDE PARK NORTH. A student supplied them every other Sabbath last summer. At present they have an arrangment by which the Methodists occupy their house of worship and preach to them.

14. MARLBORO. Rev. A. Chandler preached for them about six months last year. They were somewhat aroused, and repaired their house of worship, but having lost many by deaths and removals, they seem to have settled down into a permanently discouraged and apathetic state. Real estate is very low, and the inhabitants seem to expect that the town will continue to run down. That expectation will surely be realized if they attempt to live without the public worship of God. The county missionary has labored with them some, and will continue, as he is able, to bestow upon them some culture.

15. ORANGE. Mr. George W. Christie preached here about four months last season, and has returned to minister to them the present summer. The attendance upon his meetings has been large. He has had remarkable success in reaching the children and bringing them into the Sabbath School. They nearly paid his entire expenses last year.

16. ROCKINGHAM. After an intermission of two or three years, we are occupying this field again this season. Mr. Dickerson has visited it and Bartonsville. The missionary now upon the ground has been there but a short time, and has made no report.

17. RUTLAND WEST. Rev. Gust. A. Pehrsson has continued to spend a part of each month with the little church of Sweedes who live here, preaching to them in their mother tongue, administering to them the sacraments, and endeavoring to help them "sing the Lord's songs" in a strange land. He reports several conversions and additions to the church.

18. SIMONSVILLE. This field, which was occupied last summer, reported the way not open for a laborer this season. Those who love the truth here are few, and are subject to many discouragements.

19. STOWE WEST. A missionary has been sent into that wide tract lying back toward the mountains from Stowe village, into what used to be the town of Sterling, where he holds meetings in a school house. No report has been received yet.

20. STRAFFORD. In the absence of a regular minister, a student is supplying the church this summer.

21. STRATTON. This little church have repaired their house of worship, and received one member by profession. Nearly all the preaching enjoyed by them, for some years past, has been by students, supplying them through the summer; and, though they have paid but a small part of the students' salaries, some of them have given liberally, according to their means.

22. WARDSBORO SOUTH. An unhappy division among the Christian people in this town, as to where they should meet for worship, has, for some years been a great drawback to all religious growth. "The South keep back and the North will not give up." Mr. Dickerson has visited and preached to them, and has hoped, by holding meetings in both places, that gradually a more healthy religious feeling might be cultivated that would lead, in the end, to some permanent union. In accordance with his advice, a student is now preaching in South Wardsboro.

23. WATERVILLE. There are some very earnest and stable Christians in this church, who long to have a minister with them, half of the time at least, through the year, but there have seemed, thus far, to be insuperable obstacles in the way. Seven were received to the church, by profession, last winter. They have, for several years, met all the expenses of the students who have labored with them.

24. WESTON. The labors of the student here last year seemed to be blessed, in giving new courage and strength to the church, and in preparing the way for the minister who now labors with them.

25. WHITEHALL EAST. The student who labored here last summer reports: "The population of this district is diminishing every year, and is widely scattered. Our Sabbath Schools were composed largely of adults. About the end of June we were enabled to commence a mission among the Canadian settlers, just outside the village limits. There is quite a little community of them. We had good success, and continued the meetings, with growing interest, till I left."

SUMMARY.

WORK AND FRUITS.

THE year just closed has, on the whole, been one of rich spiritual blessings to our missionary churches. Sixty-seven missionaries have been in commission during the whole or a part of the year. Forty-three of them have been ordained ministers, and ten settled pastors. The remaining twenty-four have been undergraduates of Theological Seminaries.

A survey of our missionary fields exhibits all the lights and shades that appear in our self-sustaining churches—the lights quite as bright and cheering, the shades, in some cases perhaps, deepening into thicker darkness.

While we have occasion every year to rejoice with some churches that have been plentifully watered with showers of heavenly grace, we have, on the other hand, to extend our sympathy to others that seem, like the mountans of Gilboa, to have been left without dew or rain. No planting or watering has softened the furrows, and caused the seed to spring forth and bear fruit.

Ten churches report no additions, by letter or profession, and no hopeful conversions. Yet, who will venture to say that, *therefore*, the work of the Lord has been in vain among them? Though no sheaves have been garnered, precious and incorruptible seed has been sown, which may yet germinate and ripen into a glorious harvest. Though no lively stones have been gathered and wrought into the rising structure of God's temple, as in other years, yet the patient labor expended, the deepening experience gained, the increased feeling awakened of dependence on the help of God, may, in the end, contribute to the increased beauty and growth of the spiritual house, and to the glory of that day when the top stone of the building shall be brought forth with shoutings of Grace, Grace unto it, by the myriads in heaven.

Fifteen churches have a less membership than they had a year ago, though some of them have received additions and make mention of conversions. In the remaining twenty-seven aided churches there has been a gain, and some of them have been highly blessed of God. One hundred eighty-four hopeful conversions have been reported. One hundred seventy-three have been received into church fellowship by profession of faith, and eighty-two by letter—two hundred fifty-five in all. This is a larger number of additions than we have chronicled for several years.

The losses by deaths and dismissions have been ninety-two, leaving a net gain of one hundred sixty-three members.

The churches that have been most favored with the converting grace of God are the new churches of East Braintree and West Brookfield, and Dover, and the churches in East Burke, Ludlow, Morrisville, Lowell, Cambridgeport, West Charleston, Braintree and Waterville—four of them connected with the Itinerant Department.

ORDINARY DEPARTMENT.

LABORERS.

THE year has witnessed a good degree of stability in the ministerial relation. Thirty ministers remain at work where they were a year ago. Seven have left for other fields. One pastor has been dismissed. Two have been settled. Two are ministering to two churches each.

FIELDS.

Thirty-five churches have had stated religious services through the entire year. Four churches, not on our catalogue last year, have applied for aid since our last annual meeting, viz: Morgan, Irasburgh, Jamaica and Weston. Two, Bethel and Albany, which were on our list a year since, have received no help during the year. The former has sustained preaching through the year, and the latter a part of the time. The churches in Bristol and Guildhall, which we have helped considerably in years past, have been most of the year without religious services, and seem not fully to realize their duty or their dangers. The church in Glover, which has been nurtured by this Society for twenty-four years, at an expense of $1,743, voted last August that "with the blessing of God," they would assume the entire support of their pastor. The slow but steady gain which this church has made, during the past twelve years, is largely due to the permanency of the ministerial relation among them, and the faithful services of their pastor. At the time of his ordination the church had so little strength and courage that they did not dare to promise him a support for more than one year, and he was settled on the condition that, if unable to raise his salary after the close of the first year, his pastorate should then terminate. Since that day more than twelve years

have elapsed, years—some of them—of trial and discouragement, yet pastor and people have continued to labor and pray together. They have seen many of their members, on whom they hoped for an increase of strength, remove to other places. One young man has entered the ministry, and is pastor of a missionary church. Two others are pursuing a course of study preparatory to the work of the ministry. Others still have gone to give strength and tone to city churches, in Chicago, San Francisco and Washington, D. C. Notwithstanding these trials and losses, the church has gained a little strength, and, as they assume the entire charge of their expenses, send their hearty thanks to your Society for the aid that has been so freely granted them. It is a pleasure to us to chronicle such cases of patient labor on the part of pastors, enduring self-denials and practicing economy with cheerfulness, and of steady cooperation, on the part of churches, with their pastors, united to a persistent effort to keep alive the sacred fire upon their altars. If more of our feeble churches could have the regular, continuous labors of some faithful minister, through a series of years, the hope of their becoming self-sustaining would be greatly increased. A frequent change of ministers unsettles the whole order of things in a parish, and weakens the moral power of a church.

CHURCH BUILDING.

Two churches have, during the year, completed and dedicated to the service of God, free of debt, houses of worship, viz: Roxbury and Marshfield. Both of these, but a few years ago, were apparently almost extinct. They were, under God, restored through the instrumentality of our Itinerant agency. Three others, Irasburgh, West Berlin and Morrisville, have made extensive repairs upon their houses of worship.

IN THE ITINERANT DEPARTMENT

We have received the most marked encouragment. Twenty-seven laborers have been employed, besides a county missionary in Windham county. Of the conversions reported, eighty-eight occurred in connection with labors in this department. Eighty-five of the additions by profession were to churches ministered to by Itinerant laborers. Thirteen have been added to the Swedish church in West Rutland, which we have continued to assist. Seven joined the church in Waterville, and eight the little church on Braintree Hill, which has bought a parsonage and is looking

forward with anxious hopes to the time when they can again have stated preaching through the year. Students are now at work in Brownington, Braintree, Bridgewater, Burke, Calais, Orange, West Stowe, Stratton, Strafford, Rockingham, South Wardsboro, Waterville and Belvidere.

NEW CHURCH.

A little more than a year ago, a Theological student, Mr. A. T. Reed, was sent to preach in East Braintree and West Brookfield, in communities where no church organization existed of any denomination, and where there had been no evangelical preaching for many years. A few Christian people dwelt there, but they hardly knew each other as such. The people owned two Union houses of worship, about two miles apart, one in Braintree, the other in Brookfield. Mr. Reed commenced holding meetings in each of these houses, on alternate Sabbaths. The people soon gathered in large numbers to hear him. A Sabbath School was organized, and neighborhood prayer-meetings were started. Soon there were indications of the presence of the Holy Spirit. Christian people were brought together and gave voice, in each other's hearing, to confessions and supplications as they never had done before. The attention of the entire community was brought to the subject of religion. The Sabbath congregations increased from two to three hundred. The anxious enquiry began to be raised, "What shall I do to be saved?" and one and another expressed the hope of pardoned sin. This state of things continued during the four months covered by Mr. Reed's commission. Almost every week some new cases of awakening occurred, and some souls found peace in believing. On the expiration of his term of service, by the earnest solicitations of the people and the advice of others, Mr. Reed concluded to remain with them for a year from the first of September last. In October a council of the neighboring churches was called, who organized a Congregational church consisting of thirty-five members. Eleven of these united by letter, and came from five different denominations. Each of them consenting to surrender some of his personal preferences, they cordially came into one organization, and gave their assent to a common Confession of Faith and Covenant, and have to the present time kept the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. The good work progressed quietly through the winter. At the two communion seasons held since the church was organized, eighteen have been added by profession, so that the church numbers now fifty-three members. Several of them are heads of families. A marked change is apparent in the whole atmosphere of

the place. The Sabbath is now observed as a *holy* instead of a *holi*day. There is, this summer, an average congregation of one hundred seventy-five and a Sabbath School of one hundred twenty-five. The people have subscribed $650 toward the support of preaching.

To all human appearance, but a year ago this was one of the least favorable places in the State to put forth Christian effort, with the expectation of any speedy good results, yet, with the blessing of God, it has proved apparently the most fruitful field that we have labored in during the year. How does God rebuke our want of faith by thus making the wilderness a fruitful field, and the desert to bud and blossom as the rose, under Christian culture! Such instances as this should confirm our confidence in the gospel as the power of God, and adapted to meet the condition of men in all communities and in every moral and spiritual state. They already show that it is the true and sovereign remedy to employ in every locality, and wherever ungodliness and error abound. We do wrong to limit the power of the Spirit by thinking of this or that individual or community as in a hopeless state. Our simple duty is, conscious of our own weakness, to take this God-power, the Gospel, in our hands and hearts, and carry it to our fellow-men in a hopeful spirit, with yearning desires for their salvation, and see what miracles of grace God will work by means of it. If we faithfully sow the good seed of the kingdom, in the morning and at evening, and beside all waters, the precious fruits of righteousness and salvation will appear on every hand to gladden our hearts. How many fields there are, in almost every county, inviting us by their neglected and untilled condition to enter them, and, by patient toil, with God's blessing, transform them into the garden of the Lord!

COUNTY MISSIONARY.

About a year ago the Rev. O. C. Dickerson, under the direction of the American Sunday School Union, came into the State to establish Sabbath Schools in destitute communities and supply them with libraries. In connection with his labors in Windham county a religious interest was manifest at several points, especially in the back districts of Brattleboro and Dummerston. Some of the brethren in the county thought it very desirable to secure his services as a County Missionary, to restore, if possible, some of the old wastes and carry the bread and water of life to neighborhoods where no religious privileges were enjoyed. The Agent of the American Sunday School Union consented to resign the services of Mr. Dickerson. At the Windham County Conference, in Sep-

tember, a committee was appointed to act, in connection with your Secretary, in employing Mr. Dickerson. In an interview between the Committee and Secretary it was arranged that the Committee of the Conference should engage Mr. Dickerson for a year; that the churches in the county should be asked to meet the principal part of his salary, and that the Committee should apply to the Missionary Society for the balance. This plan, of having the Committee of the Conference employ the missionary, and direct his labors, was adopted for the purpose of interesting the churches in their county work, and leading them to feel that they were responsible for the means wherewith to prosecute it. The Committee have promptly and faithfully discharged their duty, and have received, in money, besides pledges for other sums, from the churches in the county, over $800 toward the county missionary work; and this, for the most part, in addition to their regular contributions for Domestic Missions. We are happy to say that the church whose hospitalities we enjoy to-day has entered heartily into this good work. Besides her usual contribution of $250 to our treasury, she has given $470 to carry forward this county missionary work. Other churches, according to their ability, have, perhaps, done as liberally. For nine months past Mr. Dickerson has been unwearied in his labors. He has traversed the county from one end to the other; has preached one hundred and seventeen sermons, and sounded out the word of the Lord in many neighborhoods hitherto unvisited by Christ's ministers; made fifty addresses on religion or temperance; attended sixty-three prayer-meetings and made six hundred ninety visits. As a part of the fruit of his labors, a church was organized, in January, on Dover Hill, consisting of twenty-three members, nineteen joining by profession. Rev. A. Chandler had previously labored about three months on the same ground, preparing the way.

For two years past we have spoken, in our reports, of the necessities of the destitute communities which encircle many of our churches, or constitute the dark setting behind them. We rejoice to note any efforts made by the churches to reclaim these localities by Christian effort. We commend to the attention of the churches in the State the steps taken in Windham county.

We are pleased to see that missionary committees are being appointed by the Conferences, in several of the counties, to investigate the condition of the towns, ascertain their spiritual needs, and see what can be done for them. It is a mistaken notion that all this work can or should be done by the Domestic Missionary Society, or its Secretary. The Missionary Society, by its grants, and by the labors of its Secretary, may and should do much for the spiritual good of the feeble churches and waste places. But it

cannot stand in the place of the individual or associated churches in each county, and do their work of fellowship, sympathy, encouragement and effort. The stronger churches need, for their own good, as well as for the blessing of the less favored communities, to come into contact with them, and make the power of their Christian faith and love felt among them. By so doing, they will become stronger in the grace and power of Jesus Christ, and hasten on that day when the Lord shall dwell in every community and heart, and "we shall be called Hephzibah and our land Beulah."

FOR THE DIRECTORS,

C. S. SMITH, *Secretary.*

RECEIPTS

OF THE

VERMONT DOMESTIC MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 15, 1872.

	For Ordinary Department	For Itinerant Department	From Feemalecent societies.	From Itinerant Fields.
ADDISON COUNTY.				
BRIDPORT—Church and society, Dec. 21	$42 50	$	$	$
CORNWALL—Aug. 24, Cent Society, $1 00; Jan. 9, church and society, $74 25	74 25		1 00	
FERRISBURGH—Church and society, April 21	11 75			
MIDDLEBURY—June 24, $1 50; Nov. 8, Ladies, $66 82; Apr. 9, Gentlemen, $67 34, to constitute Mrs. Gov. Slade, Mrs. D. Ladd, Miss Mary Hooker, Miss Caroline Bell, Miss J. B. Frost, Life Members of A. H. M. S.	68 84		66 82	
ORWELL—Church and society, Jan. 16	61 68			
RIPTON—Church and society, Dec. 16	25 00			
SHOREHAM—Feb. 6	28 00			
VERGENNES—April 21, Mr B. F. Goss, to constitute Mrs. Goss a Life Member, $20 00: May 25, Church and society, $44 77	64 77			
BENNINGTON COUNTY.				
ARLINGTON EAST—May 25, Rev. C. Redfield, $16 66; May 29, Church and society, $20 50	37 16			
BENNINGTON—1st Church and society, Nov. 4, $42 82; Jan. 2, $2 00	44 82			
DORSET—Church and society, Nov. 9	35 00			
MANCHESTER—Church and society, Nov. 7	40 37			
CALEDONIA COUNTY.				
BARNET—Church and society, June 22, $85 00; Dec. 29, a Lady, $1 00	85 00		1 00	
BURKE EAST—Church and Society, Jan. 12	16 50			
DANVILLE—Church and society, June 28, $26 00; June 14, $37 00	63 00			
LYNDON—S. B. Mattocks, May 9	5 00			
LYNDONVILLE—Church and society, April 22	10 00			
ST. JOHNSBURY EAST—Church and society, June 24	60 00			
ST. JOHNSBURY NORTH—Church and society, July 19, $51 32; March 7, $62 97; Sabbath School, $30 00; May 31, Hon. Horace Fairbanks, $250 00	164 29	250 00		
ST. JOHNSBURY SOUTH—Church and society, Aug. 16, $37 62; Dec. 5, $50 00; Feb. 19, $74 80; March 6, $1 00; April 13, $136 50; June 18, $1 30; June 14, Ladies' Cent Soc., $10 00; May 31, Thaddeus Fairbanks, $500 00	300 23	500 00	10 00	
ST. JOHNSBURY—Sylvanus Balch, Aug. 25, $10 00; Jan. 23, E. & T. Fairbanks & Co., $1000 00	$1010			
CHITTENDEN COUNTY.				
BURLINGTON—1st Church and Society, July 1 $167 80; June 10, J. W. Hickok, $100 00	167 80	100 00		
BURLINGTON—3d Church and society, Jan. 18	97 36			
CHARLOTTE—Church and society, Jan. 20	46 00			
COLCHESTER—Church and society, June 8	22 00			
HINESBURGH—Church and society, June 22	14 00			
MILTON—Church and society, Dec. 17	8 25			
MILTON WEST—Dec. 17, Dea. Lincoln	2 00			
SHELBURNE—Miss Mary A. McNeal, Nov. 7	50 00			

CHITTENDEN COUNTY—*Continued.*	For Ordinary Department	For Itinerant Department	From Benevolent societies.	From Itinerant Fields.
WESTFORD—Ladies Cent Society, June 23, $12 00; church and society, Dec. 17, $18 01; Feb. 8, $3 00	$ 21 01	$	$ 12 00	$
WILLISTON—Church and society, July 4, $18 00; Feb. 17, $25 00	43 00			
WINOOSKI—Church and society, June 8	11 50			
ESSEX COUNTY.				
BRIGHTON—Rev. J. C. Houghton, June 3, to constitute Mr. J. W. Dexter a Life Member	23 00			
CANAAN—Sept. 12				14 00
GRANBY—Church and society, May 3	11 38			
GUILDHALL—Church and society, Sept. 19				115 50
LUNENBURGH—Church and society, Jan. 11	3 90			
FRANKLIN COUNTY.				
BAKERSFIELD—Church and society, March 15	3 00			
BERKSHIRE EAST—Church and society, June 8	10 75			
ENOSBURGH—Church and society, April 24	25 00			
FAIRFIELD—Church and society, April 23	17 65			
GEORGIA—Church and society, Jan. 27	18 25			
HIGHGATE—Church and society, May 27	8 00			
SHELDON—Church and society, March 20	13 00			
ST. ALBANS—1st Church and society, Dec. 6	323 97			
ST. ALBANS BAY—Church and society, May 21	12 77			
SWANTON—Church and society, July 11, $31 25; Nov. 28, Cent Society, $10 50	31 25		10 50	
FRANKLIN AND GRAND ISLE—Conference, June 23		7 00		
LAMOILLE COUNTY.				
HYDEPARK—Church and society, May 29	23 50			
HYDEPARK NORTH—Church and society, Sept. 12				24 00
MORRISVILLE—Church and society, June 5, to constitute Dea. Daniel Tenney a Life Member	20 00			
STOWE—Church and society, March 30, $42 50; May 25, Cent Society, $24 27	42 50		24 27	
WATERVILLE—Church and society, Sept. 12				68 00
WOLCOTT, Church and society, Nov. 1, $15; June 3, $14 50	29 50			
ORANGE COUNTY.				
BRADFORD—Ladies' Cent Society, May 27			30 65	
BRAINTREE EAST AND BROOKFIELD WEST—August				56 00
BROOKFIELD—2d Church and society, April 26	15 00			
BRAINTREE—Dea. J. Nichols, July 24, $2 00; Sept. 18, church and society, $30 00	2 00			30 00
CHELSEA—Church and society, Nov. 8	30 00			
CORINTH—Church and society	26 00			
NEWBURY—Church and society, Aug. 13, $1 50; Oct. 26, $45 40; Oct. 12, Ladies' Cent Society, $20 72; May 28, M. C. $35 17	82 07		20 72	
NEWBURY WEST—Church and society, March 4	22 00			
ORANGE—Sept. 12, $128 00; Sept. 18, by Mr. Cross, $20 00		20 00		128 00
RANDOLPH—Mrs. Mary K. Nichols, Oct. 1, $5 00, in part to constitute herself a Life Member; Oct. 24, church and soc., $14 00	19 00			
RANDOLPH WEST—Church and society, Oct 10	23 60			
STRAFFORD—Church and society, Sept. 29	7 00			
THETFORD—Church and society, Aug. 17, in part to constitute C. Fitch a Life Director of A. H. M. S	50 00			
TUNBRIDGE—Church and society, Aug. 1, $7 50; June 3, $6 50	14 00			
WELLS RIVER—Church and society, Nov. 21	32 50			
ORLEANS COUNTY.				
BARTON—Church and society, May 24, $34 00; Cent Soc., $22 72	34 00		22 72	
CHARLESTON WEST—Church and society, Nov. 30, $17 65; Dec. 12, $5 66; May 30, $50 00	73 31			
COVENTRY—Cent Society, Oct. 2, $6 45; March 6, Church and society, $16 72	16 72		6 45	
CRAFTSBURY—Church and society, May 22	25 00			
GLOVER—Church and society, bal., Aug. 22	50			
GREENSBORO—Church and society, May 21	23 00			
HOLLAND—Church and society, June 14	10 83			
LOWELL—Church and society, May 9	10 00			
NEWPORT—Church and society, May 10	18 00			
MORGAN—Church and society, June 14	4 61			
TROY NORTH—Church and society, June 14	2 00			
ORLEANS COUNTY CONFERENCE—June 21, $4 35; Sept. 28, $4 70; June 14, $5 85		14 90		
RUTLAND COUNTY.				
BRANDON—Church and society, Oct. 22, $20 00; Nov. 28, Cent Society, $27 00	20 00		27 00	

RUTLAND COUNTY—*Continued.*	For Ordinary Department	For Itinerant Department	From Feminine societies.	From Itinerant Fields.
	$	$	$	$
CASTLETON—Dr. and Mrs. J. N. Northrop, Dec. 8, $150 00, to constitute Wm. Henry and Mrs. Wm. H. Northrop, Mrs. Martha N. Atwood, Walter S. Northrop, and Mary O. Northrop Life Members of the A. H. M. S.; Dec. 20, church and society, $105 00	255 00			
CLARENDON—Church and society, Nov. 15, $43 50; March 15, Cent Society, $21 00	43 50		21 00	
DANBY—Church and society, June 3	10 00			
MIDDLETOWN—Church and society, Sept. 20	10 00			
PAWLET—Church and society, May 15	43 35			
PITTSFIELD—Church and society, April 6	12 77			
RUTLAND—Church and society, June 30, $39 09; Nov. 7, $53 16; Dec. 12, $11 05; May 9, $58 79	162 09			
RUTLAND WEST—Sabbath School, March 8, to constitute Mrs. Erastus Wells, Mrs. S. P. Giddings, Miss Sarah Haselton and John H. Mead Life Members of the A. H. M. S	113 25			
SUDBURY—Church and society, June 12	18 00			
WALLINGFORD—Cent Society, Nov. 1, $22 19; church and society, $76 96, of which from A. W., $30 00 to constitute Miss Charlotte M. Townshend a Life Member of the A. H. M. S.; Nov. 8, Sabbath School, $7 55	84 51		22 19	
WHITEHALL EAST—Sept. 4				35 00
WASHINGTON COUNTY.				
BARRE—Church and society, July 29	28 00			
BERLIN—Church and society, Aug. 19	23 75			
BERLIN WEST—Church and society, June 5	28 00			
CALAIS EAST—Sept. 4				60 00
MARSHFIELD—Church and society, July	13 00			
MONTPELIER—Church and society, June 18, $6 00; Apr. 26, Mrs. Peck, $6 00; church and society, June 13, $112 00; N. P. Brooks, $12 00	135 00			
NORTHFIELD—Church and society, Aug. 6, $6 11; Nov. 14, $10 70; Feb. 19, $13 43; June 10, $12 94, to constitute Henry S. Ely a Life Member of A. H. M. S.; Feb. 19, Ladies' Circle, $10 00	43 18		10 00	
WAITSFIELD—Church and society, Dec. 3, $17 00; Dec. 12, $4 00; Jan. 8, $5 00, to constitute Dea. H. N. Bushnell a Life Member	26 00			
WINDHAM COUNTY.				
ATHENS—Sept. 12				7 00
BELLOWS FALLS—Church and society, (less 25 cts. express.)	25 75			
BRATTLEBORO—Church and society, July 15, $244 71; Aug 30, balance, $6 50	251 21			
BRATTLEBORO WEST—Church and society, Aug. 30, $51 61; Sabbath School, $22 50	74 11			
CAMBRIDGEPORT—Church and society, Jan. 31	5 75			
DOVER CENTER—June 23				40 00
DUMMERSTON—Church and society, May 14, $21 73; Cent Society, $21 40	21 74		21 40	
FAYETTVILLE—Church and society, Feb	10 63			
LONDONDERRY—Rev. D. Goodhue, Apr. 2, $20 00, to constitute himself a Life Member: May 28, church and society, $5 30	25 30			
PUTNEY—Rev. A. Foster, May 24	5 00			
STRATTON—Church and society, Sept. 12				17 06
WESTMINSTER WEST—Cent Society—June 22, $14 22; church and society, Aug. 30, $27 95	27 95		14 22	
WESTMINSTER EAST—Mrs. Allen, Feb. 10			1 00	
WINDHAM—Church and society, Feb. 16	16 60			
In addition to the above, the churches in Windham County have contributed for the support of the County Missionary as follows;				
BELLOWS FALLS—Church and society		20 00		
BRATTLEBORO CENTER—Church and society		470 00		
BRATTLEBORO WEST—Church and society		75 00		
DOVER CENTER—Church and society				50 00
DUMMERSTON—Church and society		30 00		
GRAFTON—Church and society		25 00		
PUTNEY—Church and society		10 00		
TOWNSHEND WEST—Church and society		10 50		
WESTMINSTER EAST—Church and society		30 00		
WESTMINSTER WEST—Church and society		40 00		
WILMINGTON—Church and society		20 00		
WINDHAM—Church and society		25 00		

WINDSOR COUNTY.	For Ordinary Department	For Itinerant Department	From Female Benevolent Societies.	From Itinerant Fields.
ASCUTNEYVILLE—Mr. and Mrs. N. Gay, Jan. 8	$10 00	$	$	$
CHESTER—Church and society, July 4, $15 56; Oct. 5, Cent Society, $30 25, to constitute Mrs. A. B. Whiting a Life Member of the A. H. M. S.	15 56		30 25	
GAYSVILLE—Church and society, April 1	25 00			
HARTFORD—Church and society, June 10, $43 00; June 14, Cent Society, $20 00	43 00		20 00	
LUDLOW—Church and society, May 22	16 00			
NORWICH—J. G. Stimson, May 28, $100 00; May 5, church and society, $28 40; Cent Society, $30 00	78 40	50 00	30 00	
ROCHESTER—Church and society, May 23	25 00			
ROYALTON—Church and society, July 10	11 00			
SPRINGFIELD—Church and society, June 23, $328 14; Aug. 29, by C. H., $5 00; June 3, $64 01, to constitute Mrs. Eliza A. Butterfield, Mrs. Nancy Barney, Mrs. Cybil Barrett, Mrs. Sarah Bigelow, Mr. Abner Bisbee, Mrs. Abby Britton, Dea. Adna Brown, Mrs. Mattie M. Brown, Mrs. Julia Brown, Mrs. Lydia Burbank, Mrs. Marietta Warren and Mrs. Lucy A. Hemmenway Life Members of the A. H. M. S.	392 15			
WEATHERSFIELD BOW—Church and society, Feb. 8	23 50			
WINDSOR—Church and society, Sept 15, to constitute Dea. F. L. Small and Dea. C. D. Hazen Life Members of A. H. M. S.	76 55			
WOODSTOCK—Church and society, June 28, $63 62; Aug. 7, $9 97; Oct. 4, $7 60; April 8, $24 15; May 9, $13 87; May 28, $38 33; March 7, Cent Society, $24 15	157 54		24 15	
WINDSOR COUNTY CONFERENCE—June 10	9 50			
OTHER RECEIPTS.				
June 22. Collection at Annual Meeting, Springfield, less $2 00 counterfeit	83 08			
June 28. Estate of S. C. French, Montpelier, by Hon. C. W. Willard, Exr.	532 85			
July 1. Estate of S. C. French, Montpelier, by Hon. C. W. Willard, Exr.	100 00			
July 5. Sale of coupons	223 64			
Aug. 22. Interest on bond	35 00			
Aug. 22. " " loan	2 82			
Sept. 22. Legacy of Miss Martha Richardson, Thetford, by D. G. Pennock, Exr.	213 90			
Nov. 16. Legacy of Rev. R. C. Hand, Brooklyn, N. Y., by C. A. Hand, Exr.	500 00			
Jan. 4. Estate of Silas and Mrs. Mary French, Montpelier, by Hon. C. W. Willard, Exr.	104 30			
April 8. By overpaid printing Missionary Report	16 86			
April Interest on S. A. Murry's notes	261 44			
April 13. On Conn. & Pas. Rivers R. R. stock	198 00			
April 13. From coupons on State of Maine Bonds	45 00			
Bpril 13. " " " Conn. & Pas. Rivers R. R.	45 00			
April 13. " " " U. S. 5-20 Bonds	6 54			
May 31. Estate of Hon. Erastus Fairbanks, St. Johnsbury, by Messrs. Horace and Franklin Fairbanks, Adm'rs.		500 00		

☞ The moneys paid to the Secretary, at the Annual Meeting at Brattleboro, came too late to be embraced in the above receipts, as the account for the year closed on the 18th of June. They will appear in the next annual report.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

C. W. STORRS, *Treasurer*,

In account with the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society, from June 17, 1871, to March 15, 1872.

DEBIT.

To balance in Treasury June 17, 1871		$2,483 66
To received to March 15, 1872, from the following sources:		
Interest and dividends		261 46
Legacies		1,451 05
Contributions and donations		5,633 79
Loan		500 00
		$10,329 96

CREDIT.

By paid for printing Annual Report	$155 60	
By paid for distributing Annual Report	10 15	
By paid for stationery and stamps	15 00	
By paid Secretary's salary	900 00	
By paid Secretary's expenses	150 00	
By paid for stationery and postage	22 51	
By paid Secretary's orders, Ordinary Department	4,327 55	
By paid " " Itinerant Department	1,870 00	
By paid loan to H. D. Hopkins	2,500 00	
By balance on hand March 15, 1872	379 15	
		$10,329 96

J. C. EMERY, *Treasurer*,

In account with the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society.

1872. DEBIT.

To cash from C. W. Storrs, Treasurer	$191 32
To cash from contributions for Ordinary Department	1,765 01
To cash from contributions for Itinerant Department	2,215 00
To cash from interest and dividends	555 98
To cash from over payment on printing	16 86
	$4,744 17

CREDIT.

By paid Secretary's orders in Ordinary Department	$1,506 04	
By paid Secretary's orders in Itinerant Department	905 50	
By paid Secretary's salary	300 00	
By paid Secretary's expenses, postage and stationery	60 70	
By paid note	500 00	
By balance in Treasury	$1,471 93	
		$4,744 17

J. C. EMERY, *Treasurer.*

MONTPELIER, June 15, 1872.

I have examined the accounts of C. W. Storrs and J. C. Emery, Treasurers of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society, for the year ending June 15, 1872, and compared the same with vouchers presented, and find them correct. There remains in the hands of the Treasurer, to be hereafter accounted for, a balance of $1,471 93.

J. A. PAGE, *Auditor.*

The following property, belonging to the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society, is in the hands of the Treasurer, all the notes being amply secured on real estate, viz:

3	Notes against F. Butterfly	$300 00
4	" " " H. S. Towner	424 69
1	" " E. Davis	300 00
5	" " H. D. Hopkins	2,500 00
1	" " Estate of I. Bowdish	159 00
10	" " T. A. Murry	1,000 00
	A decree of Court vs. W. M. Alvard	892 98
	An account against estate of C. W. Storrs	2,219 25
22	Shares Connecticut & Passumpsic Rivers R. R. Stock	2,200 00
1	Bond of " " " " "	1,000 00
1	" " " " " "	500 00
1	State of Maine Bond	1,000 00
1	" " "	500 00
1	U. S. 5-20 Bond	500 00
2	U. S. 5-20 Bond, $100 each	200 00
		$13,695 92

J. C. EMERY, *Treasurer.*

Montpelier, June 15, 1872.

MONEYS SENT TO THE PARENT SOCIETY.

Receipts as acknowledged in the American Home Missionary during the year ending June 1, 1872, which have not passed through our Treasury.

June, 1871.	ASCUTNEYVILLE—Miss C. A. Allison	$2 00
"	EAST POULTNEY—Church	18 69
"	STOWE—Dea. R. A. Savage	20 00
July.	BENSON—Church and Society	19 00
"	VERMONT—A friend	1 00
"	WELLS RIVER—Church and Society	28 70
August.	GRAFTON—Legacy of Miss Lucy Barrett	1000 00
Sept.	BRATTLEBORO—A. Van Dorn	5 00
"	GRAFTON—A friend	30 00
"	MIDDLEBURY—Bertha, $6; J. W. B., $2	8 00
"	WEST ADDISON—K. S. Merrill	5 00
Oct.	WESTMINSTER—J. Chapin	10 00
Dec.	BRATTLEBORO—Mrs. H. M. Linsley, $25; C. F. T., $25; Mrs. B. H. Van Dorn, $10	60 00
"	FAIR HAVEN—Church and Society	55 00
"	ST. ALBANS—Mrs. A. J. Samson	12 69
"	ST. JOHNSBURY—South Church and Society	58 00
"	SWANTON—Mrs. E. Stone, $1; H. M. Stone, $1	2 00
"	VERMONT—B	2 00
"	WOODSTOCK—Legacy of Electa Montague	510 00
Jan., 1872.	BURLINGTON—3d Church, Mrs. E. W. Buell	210 00
"	CHARLESTON—Mrs. C. Cummings	2 00
"	CHELSEA—Church and Society	2 00
"	CHESTER Ladies' Benevolent Society	2 64
"	NORWICH—Church and Society	21 80
"	PEACHAM—Mrs. S. Chamberlin	30 00
"	PITTSFORD—Church and Society	84 46
"	RIPTON—A friend	5 00
"	ST. ALBANS—Ladies of 1st Church	76 00
"	ST. JOHNSBURY—M. Kittredge	100 00
"	SWANTON—Ladies of Cong. Church	3 00
"	WATERBURY—L. Hutchins	100 00
"	WELLS RIVER—Church and Society	50 00
"	WEST BRATTLEBORO—Church and Society	70 03
"	WESTMINSTER WEST—D. Stoddard	8 00
Feb.	BENNINGTON—2d Church and Society	45 17
"	BRATTLEBORO—Individuals	48 00
"	CABOT—Church and Society	6 00
"	CHELSEA—E. Douglas	30 00
"	CHESTER—Legacy of Mrs. A. W. Union	1000 00
"	" Ladies' Benevolent Society	3 00
"	IRASBURGH—Legacy of Nancy Jameson	1,165 00
"	MIDDLEBURY—Mrs. H. D. Kitchell	25 00
"	PEACHAM—Church and Society	57 00
"	" Legacy of Mrs. L. P. Bradlee	380 00
"	PITTSFORD Sabbath School of Cong. Church	25 00
"	WALLINGFORD—Mrs. Aldace Walker	10 00
"	WEST ADDISON—Mrs. Kate S. Merrill	1 00
"	WOODSTOCK—Ladies of Cong. Church and Society	6 00
March.	BARTON—Church and Society	39 00
"	BRATTLEBORO—Sabbath School of 1st Church	25 00
"	BROOKFIELD—M. Peck	2 00
"	MIDDLEBURY—Legacy of Chester Elmer	400 00
"	ST. ALBANS—1st Church and Society	206 00
"	SPRINGFIELD A friend	10 00
April.	WEST WESTMINSTER—A friend	5 00
"	BURLINGTON Mrs. R. W. Francis	50 00
May	FERRISBURGH Mrs. L. Carpenter	1 50
"	MIDDLEBURY Rev. H. D. Kitchell D. D.	20 00
"	PEACHAM Mrs. E. C. Chamberlin	30 00
"	SUTHERLAND FALLS—L. Chatterton	92 80
		$6,288 73

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CONSTITUTION

OF THE

VERMONT DOMESTIC MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

ARTICLE I.—This society shall be known by the name of the *Vermout Domestic Missionary Society.*

ART. II.—This society shall consist of life-members who have paid twenty dollars at one time, of delegates from auxiliary societies, and of members of the General Convention ; and all persons who have contributed to the funds of the society within a year, may be received as members by a vote or general acquiescence.

ART. III.—The object of this society shall be to supply the destitute towns of this State with the preached gospel by the labors of missionaries, and to aid the American Home Missionary Society.

ART. IV.—The officers of this society shall be elected at the annual meeting, and shall consist of a President, Vice President, twelve Directors, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, and Auditor. In addition to the twelve Directors, the President and the Corresponding Secretary shall be members of the Board, *ex officio.*

ART. V.—The President, and in case of his absence, the senior Vice President, shall preside at all the meetings of the society. The Directors shall appoint and direct missionaries, shall have the control of the funds to promote the objects of the society, and shall make a report at each annual meeting. The Corresponding Secretary shall superintend the correspondence of the society, and record the proceedings of the Board of Directors. The Recording Secretary shall record the proceedings of the society. The Treasurer shall keep the moneys of the society, give bonds for the faithful execution of the duties of his office, and make a report at each annual meeting. The Directors may appoint missionaries, and transact any other necessary business, by a select committee chosen from their own members. No person shall be employed as missionary who is not furnished with satisfactory testimonials of good Christian character and theological attainments.

ART. VI.—There shall be an annual meeting of the society, and addresses delivered, at such time and place as the society, by their regulations, shall establish.

The object of this society cannot be changed, but this constitution may be amended (on a proposal of the Directors) at any annual meeting, by two-thirds of the members present.

LEGACIES TO THE V. D. M. SOCIETY.

FORM OF BEQUEST.

I bequeath to my executors the sum of ——— dollars in trust, to pay over the same, in ——— after my decease, to the person who, when the same is payable, shall act as Treasurer of the VERMONT DOMESTIC MISSIONARY SOCIETY, to be applied to the charitable uses and purposes of said society.

SPECIAL NOTICE TO MISSIONARIES.

The Directors of the VERMONT DOMESTIC MISSIONARY SOCIETY, having been embarrassed and retarded in their business, in consequence of the negligence of some of the missionaries to make their reports until a few days before the annual meeting, think it expedient to pass the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is required of all missionaries, appointed by this Board, to make quarterly returns, and that, *in all cases*, they return their annual reports to the Secretary by the first day of June. All who violate this rule are to expect the quarterly payment will be suspended three months.

BRANDON, June 24th, 1858.

RESOLUTIONS OF THE BOARD OF DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

1. *Resolved*, That the standard rate per cent. upon their grand lists, which churches shall be required to pay towards supporting their own ministers, in order to be entitled to receive aid from the society, be one hundred and twenty-five, instead of one hundred per cent., as heretofore; leaving the Executive Committee, however, with discretionary power to vary from this where peculiar circumstances shall seem to them to demand it.

2. In view of the insufficiency of the salaries of many of the ministers of the aided churches,

Resolved, That the Board will co-operate with those aided churches, in increasing their minister's salary, who will increase their own subscription for his support to one hundred and fifty per cent.

The Board were led to these resolutions by such considerations as the following, viz:

1. Owing to the increased price of labor and produce, while the grand list remains the same, churches can pay one hundred and fifty per cent. now more easily than they could one hundred per cent. in former years.

2. Many of the churches which are not aided pay as high or higher than the rate named in the above resolutions, for the support of their own ministers; and, in addition to that, contribute to the funds of this society; and it would seem unreasonable and unjust to take their contributions and appropriate them to aid churches which do not pay as high, or nearly as high, towards supporting the gospel among themselves.

3. It is found that those churches which voluntarily and cheerfully pay the most liberally, according to their means, for the support of the gospel, are the most prosperous, both as respects their spiritual and external affairs. And it is believed that the rate per cent. named in the resolution is no higher than Christians ought to tax themselves for the support of religion,—that to do much less would be to withhold more than is meet, which tendeth to both spiritual and temporal poverty.

4. The impossibility of extending operations to the numerous churches and communities which are still destitute in our State, without greater liberality and self-denial on the part of both the aided and unaided churches, is another strong reason, and one which it is believed will commend itself to every candid mind.

It is hoped that no feeble church will be disheartened by this action of the Board; but rather that it will be stirred up to greater effort, and after doing the best it can, let its case be known to the Executive Committee.

MONTPELIER, June 23, 1854.

DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

APPLICATION FOR AID.

Every application to the VERMONT DOMESTIC MISSIONARY SOCIETY for aid should be made by a committee authorized to act in behalf of the church or society, or both. The application must contain answers to the following questions:

1. Name of the minister to be employed?
2. Number of members of the church?
3. Amount of the grand list of the church?
4. Amount paid by the church for preaching?
5. Amount paid by those not belonging to the church?
6. Least amount of aid that will suffice from this society?
7. What number usually attend public worship?
8. What proportion of the church take decided ground in favor of the Temperance cause?
9. How long before preaching can be sustained without charitable aid?
10. Is the church or society in debt for past ministerial labors? If so, to what amount, and to whom?
11. From what date is aid asked?
12. Is aid expected from any other source?

All applications for aid should be approved by the Association within whose bounds they arise (or by a committee of such body.) Except in special cases, grants will not go back of the date of the application. It is very desirable that all churches receiving aid from the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society should so arrange their contracts with their minister that the year may commence on the first of June, so that all applications for the RENEWAL OF A GRANT may be made at that time, as the Board can then act upon them at their annual meeting.

Appropriations are made for a period, not exceeding twelve months, from the date of application. If further aid is needed, a new application must be made, containing all of the above mentioned particulars, and be properly endorsed and recommended.

☞ It is hoped that every feeble church will preserve a copy of these directions, and invariably comply with them in every application for aid. Address,

REV. C. S. SMITH, *Corresponding Secretary*,
MONTPELIER, VT.

VERMONT EDUCATION SOCIETY.

The Vermont Education Society held its Fifty-Second Annual Meeting at Brattleboro, June 19, 1872.

The Senior Director, Rev. R. S. CUSHMAN, presided.

Prayer was offered by Rev. E. H. BYINGTON, of Brunswick, Me.

Rev. Messrs. P. B. FISK, C. E. FERRIN and Rev. J. WICKHAM, D. D., were appointed a committee to nominate officers for the ensuing year.

The report of the Treasurer, Dea. C. F. THOMPSON, was presented and accepted.

The report of the Directors was then read by the Secretary, and accepted.

A spirited discussion followed upon the merits of the Society and the work it is doing, which was participated in by Rev. Messrs. JOHNSON, HAMLIN, DIKE, BYINGTON, TORREY, SAFFORD, HERRICK, Rev. J. WICKHAM, D. D., Rev. C. B. DRAKE, D. D., and Dea. C. F. THOMPSON.

The Nominating Committee reported the following as a list of officers for the next year, and the brethren named were elected:

President—Rev. H. D. KITCHEL, D. D.

Vice Presidents—Pres. M. H. BUCKHAM, Hon. FREDERICK BILLINGS.

Secretary—Rev. A. B. DASCOMB.

Treasurer—Dea. C. F. THOMPSON, of Brattleboro.

Directors — Addison Conference, Rev. M. L. SEVERANCE; Caledonia Conference, Rev. J. TORREY; Chittenden Conference, Rev. A. HAZEN; Essex Conference, Rev. L. H. HARRIS; Franklin and Grand Isle Conference, Rev. E. E. RANSLOW; Lamoille Conference, Rev. B. F. PERKINS; Orange Conference, Rev. J. K. WILLIAMS; Orleans Conference, Rev. A. W. WILD; Rutland and Bennington Conference, Rev. R. S. CUSHMAN; Washington Conference, Rev. J. COPELAND; Windham Conference, Rev. N. MIGHILL; Windsor Conference, Rev. S. P. COOK.

The Choir of the Congregational Church kindly furnished music during the evening.

On Motion, adjourned.

A. B. DASCOMB, *Secretary.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Treasurer's Report shows receipts from the churches for the year ending June 19, 1872, viz:

Church and Society,	Winooski	$9 75
" "	Enosburgh	9 00
" "	Greensboro	10 00
" "	Northfield	7 12
" "	Barnet	13 00
" "	Georgia	15 00
" "	W. Westminster	10 00
" "	Woodstock	77 13
" "	No. Craftsbury	18 10
" "	Hardwick	15 00
" "	Windsor	11 75
" "	Burlington, (1st Calvinistic)	28 76
" "	Chester	13 20
" "	Fayettville	7 43
" "	Bennington Center (1st Cong'l	21 49
" "	Brattleboro, (Cen. Church)	133 27
" "	West Charleston	10 50
" "	Manchester	18 80
" "	Orwell	16 65
" "	Coventry	8 60
" "	St. Albans	140 58
" "	Peacham	17 82
" "	Johnson	16 55
Rev. L. H. Elliott,	Winooski	2 00
		$631 50

The following churches contributed to the Parent Society:

St. Johnsbury, North church	$35 42
Middlebury, 1st church	47 76
Pittsfield	13 00

The church at Springfield gave $132 direct to a young man, and one other church was reported as giving $100 in the same way.

RECEIPTS OF THE VERMONT EDUCATION SOCIETY EACH YEAR SINCE ITS ORGANIZATION.

Year.	Amount.	Year.	Amount.
1820	$1,367 95	1847	$135 70
1821	673 06	1848	654 39
1822	986 50	1849	12 15
1823	825 59	1850	153 45
1824	572 29	1851	238 46
1825	472 66	1852	433 11
1826	462 13	1853	504 93
1827	250 13	1854	196 81
1828	1,629 01	1855	490 77
1829	1,354 54	1856	738 68
1830	1,731 16	1857	813 16
1831	518 79	1858	574 09
1832	1,482 27	1859	309 53
1833	1,652 82	1860	383 30
1834	818 30	1861	168 71
1835	822 72	1862	211 55
1836	1,884 44	1863	460 90
1837	1,631 85	1864	833 88
1838	1,675 24	1865	457 35
1839	1,332 59	1866	394 82
1840	738 43	1867	830 22
1841	912 42	1868	457 16
1842	245 11	1869	844 83
1843	810 81	1870	1,036 00
1844	738 27	1871	1,079 99
1845	279 08	1872	631 50
1846	117 73		
		Total	$38,963 21

SCHEDULE

OF

TIME FOR TAKING CONTRIBUTIONS IN THE CHURCHES.

COUNTIES.	January and February.	March and April.	May and June.	July and August.	September and October.	November and December.
Windham	Bible.	For. Miss.	H. Miss.	Education.	T. & C. Un.	Miss. Asso.
Windsor	Bible.	For. Miss.	H. Miss.	Education.	T. & C. Un.	Miss. Asso.
Orange	Miss. Asso.	Bible.	For. Miss.	H. Miss.	Education.	T. & C. Un.
Washington	Miss. Asso.	Bible.	For. Miss.	H. Miss.	Education.	T. & C. Un.
Bennington	T. & C. Un.	Miss. Asso.	Bible.	For. Miss.	H. Miss.	Education.
Rutland	T. & C. Un.	Miss. Asso.	Bible.	For. Miss.	H. Miss.	Education.
Addison	Education.	T. & C. Un.	Miss. Asso.	Bible.	For. Miss.	H. Miss.
Chittenden	Education.	T. & C. Un.	Miss. Asso.	Bible.	For. Miss.	H. Miss.
Grand Isle	H. Miss.	Education.	T. & C. Un.	Miss. Asso.	Bible.	For. Miss.
Franklin	H. Miss.	Education.	T. & C. Un.	Miss. Asso.	Bible.	For. Miss.
Lamoille	H. Miss.	Education.	T. & C. Un.	Miss. Asso.	Bible.	For. Miss.
Orleans	For. Miss.	H. Miss.	Education.	T. & C. Un.	Miss. Asso.	Bible.
Caledonia	For. Miss.	H. Miss.	Education.	T. & C. Un.	Miss. Asso.	Bible.
Essex	For. Miss.	H. Miss.	Education.	T. & C. Un.	Miss. Asso.	Bible.

ALPHABETICAL LIST OF MINISTERS.

ABBREVIATIONS.

P.	Pastor.	A.	Addison.	Oe.	Orange.
A. P.	Acting Pastor.	B.	Bennington.	Os.	Orleans.
W. C.	Without Charge.	Ca.	Caledonia.	Ru.	Royalton.
L.	Licentiate.	Cn.	Chittenden.	Rd.	Rutland.
T.	Teacher.	E.	Essex.	R. B.	Rut. & Bennington.
M.	Missionary.	F. G.	Franklin & Gr. Isle.	Wn.	Washington.
Pr.	Professor.	Le.	Lamoille.	W.R.	White River.
Sec.	Secretary.	Lr.	Lancaster.	Wm.	Windham.
		M.	Montpelier.	Wr.	Windsor.
		N. W.	North Western.	Wi.	Winooski.

Name.	Post-Office.	Relation.	Conf.	Assoc.
Adams, B. S.	Cabot	A. P.	Ca.	Ca.
Albee, Solon	Middlebury	L.	A.	A.
Amsden, S. H.	West Dover	A. P.	Wm.	
Anderson, James	Manchester	W. C.	R.B.	B.
Austin, L. A.	Manchester	T.	R.B.	B.
Ayers, Walter H.	Winooski	A. P.	Cn.	Wi.
Babbitt, James H.	Waitsfield	P.	Wn.	M.
Babcock, D. H.	West Townsend	A. P.	Wm.	Wm.
Bacon, Wm. N.	Shoreham	P.	A.	A.
Bailey, J. G.	Hydepark	P.	Le.	Le.
Baldwin, J. B.	Weathersfield Center.	A. P.	Wr.	
Baldwin, Thos.	Plymouth	A. P.	Wr.	
Bartlett, Lyman	Turkey	M.		Le.
Barton, A. C.	Middlebury	W. C.	A.	A.
Bates, Philander	Ludlow	A. P.	Wr.	Wr.
Bates, S. L.	Newbury	P.	Oe.	Oe.
Birge, Eben C.	Underhill	W. C.	Cn.	Wi.
Bittenger, J. Q.	Hartland	A. P.	Wr.	W.R.
Bogue, H. P. V.	Vergennes	P.	A.	A.
Bourne, J. R.	N. Hampton, Mass.	W. C.	R.B.	Rd.
Bradford, D. B.	St. Albans Bay	A. P.	F.G.	N.W.
Bradford, M. B.	McIndoe's Falls	W. C.	Ca.	Ca.
Brainerd, Ezra	Middlebury	Pr.	A.	A.
Brastow, L. O.	St. Johnsbury	P.	Ca.	Ca.
Brown, J. W.	Charlton, Mass.	W. C.		B.
Buckham, James	Burlington	W. C.	Cn.	Wi,
Buckham, M. H.	Burlington	L	Cn.	Wi.

Name.	Post-Office.	Relation.	Conf.	Assoc.
Burnham, Chas.	Jamaica	A. P.	Wm.	Wm.
Bushee, Wm. A.	Brookfield	P.	Oe.	Rn.
Butler, Franklin	Windsor	Ed.	Wr.	W.R.
Byington, G. P.	Westford	A. P.	Cn.	Wi.
Cady, C. B.	Alburgh	A. P.	F.G.	N.W.
Caldwell, Jas.	Bethel	A. P.	Wr.	Rn.
Carpenter, E. I.	White River Junc.	Sec.V.B.S.		
Chandler, A.	Dummerston	W. C.	Wm.	
Chandler, J.	West Brattleboro.	P.	Wm.	Wm.
Chapman, C.	Windham	A. P.	Wm.	
Chase, Levi G.	Dummerston	P.	Wm.	Wm.
Childs, A. C.	Sharon	A. P.	Wr.	
Clark, Asa F.	Peru	A. P.		Wm.
Clark, C. W.	Gaysville	A. P.	Wr.	Rn.
Clarke, J. B.	Pittsfield	A. P.	Wr.	Rn.
Clark, Jacob S.	Morgan	P.	Os.	Os.
Clark, S. D.	Post Mills	A. P.	Oe.	Oe.
Clement, Jona	Norwich.	A. P.	Wr.	W.R.
Cobb, L. Henry	Springfield	P.	Wr.	Wr.
Cobleigh, N. F.	Marshfield	P.	Wn.	M.
Comings, Elam J.	Highgate	W. C.	F.G.	N.W.
Connell, David	Westfield	A. P.	Os.	Os.
Converse, J. K.	Burlington	W. C.		Wi.
Cook, Silas P.	Windsor	P.	Wr.	Wr.
Copeland, Jona.	Waterbury	A. P.	Wn.	M.
Cushman, R. S.	Manchester	P.	R. B.	B.
Dascomb, A. B.	Woodstock	P.	Wr.	W.R.
Demeritt, J. P.	Pawlet	A. P.	R. B.	Rd.
Dickerson, O. C.	Dover	A. P.	Wm.	
Dickinson, F. W.	Coventry	A. P.	Os.	Os.
Dike, Samuel W.	West Randolph	P.	Oe.	Rn.
Dougherty, Jas.	Johnson	W. C.	Le.	
Drake, Cyrus B.	Royalton	P.	Wr.	Rn.
Dudley, M. S.	Peacham	A. P.	Ca.	Ca.
Eaton, Joshua	Granby	A. P.	E.	Lr.
Elliot, L. H.	Winooski	W. C.		Wi.
Fairbanks, Ed. T.	St. Johnsbury Cen.	P.	Ca.	Ca.
Fairbanks, Henry	St. Johnsbury	W. C.	Ca.	Ca.
Ferrin, Clark E.	Hinesburgh	P.	Cn.	Wi.

Name.	Post-Office.	Relation.	Conf.	Assoc.
Field, A. C.	Wilmington	A. P.	Wm.	
Fisk, Perrin B.	Lyndonville	A. P.	Ca.	Ca.
Fleming A.	Constable, N. Y.	W. C.		Wi.
Foster, Amos.	Putney	A. P.	Wm.	Wm.
Francis, Lewis.	Castleton	P.	R. B.	Rd.
French, Geo. H.	Johnson	P.	Le.	Le.
French, L. S.	Franklin	W. C.	F. G.	N. W.
Fuller, H. T.	St. Johnsbury	T.	Ca.	Ca.
Fuller, Joseph.	Vershire.	W. C.		Oe.
Garland, Joseph	Rupert.	A. P.	R. B.	B.
Glines, Jeremiah.	Lunenburgh	W. C.	E.	
Goodhue, Daniel.	Londonderry	A. P.	Wm.	Wm.
Goodrich, J. E.	Burlington	Pr.	Cn.	Wi.
Granger, Calvin.	Hubbardton	A. P.	R. B.	Rd.
Griffin, Ed. H.	Burlington	P.	Cn.	Wi.
Grout, Lewis.	West Brattleboro	Agt.		
Hale, John G.	Chester	A. P.	Wr.	Wr.
Hall, Russell T.	Pittsford	P.	R. B.	Rd.
Hall, Robert V.	Newport	W. C.	Os.	Os.
Hall, Samuel R.	Brownington	W. C.	Os.	Os.
Hamlin, Cyrus.	Bellows Falls	P.	Wm.	Wm.
Hardy, Vitellus M.	Morrisville	P.	Le.	Le.
Harris, L. W.	Lunenburgh	A. P.	E.	Lr.
Hatch, Elias W.	East Berkshire	P.	F. G.	
Hazen, Austin.	Jericho Center	A. P.	Cn.	Wi.
Hazen, Wm. S.	Northfield	P.	Wn.	M.
Herrick, Ed. E.	Chelsea	P.	Oe.	Rn.
Herrick, Horace.	Wolcott	A. P.	Le.	Le.
Herrick, Wm. T.	Clarendon	P.	R. B.	Rd.
Hickok, Henry P.	Burlington	W. C.		Wi.
Higley, Harvey O.	Castleton	W. C.		Rd.
Holman, Sidney.	East Weathersfield	A. P.	Wr.	Wr.
Holmes, Henry M.	Benson	P.	R. B.	Rd.
Hooker, Ed. P.	Middlebury	P.	A.	A.
Houghton, James C.	Burlington	W. C.		Wi.
Houghton, John C.	Island Pond	A. P.	Os.	Os.
Howard, Jabez T.	West Charleston	W. C.	Os.	Os.
Hubbard, C. H.	Bennington	A. P.	R. B.	B.
Hubbard, Thos. S.	Rochester	A. P.	Wr.	Rn.

Name.	Post-Office.	Relation.	Conf.	Assoc.
Torrey, H. A. P.	Burlington	Pr.	Cn.	Wi.
Torrey, Joseph.	East Hardwick	P.	Ca.	Ca.
Tuxbury, Franklin	Brandon	P.	R. B.	Rd.
Underwood, Joseph	East Hardwick	W. C.	Ca.	Ca.
Walker, Aldase	Wallingford	P.	R. B.	Rd.
Ward, Earl J	Grafton	P.	Wm.	Wm.
Webber, Geo. N.	Middlebury	Pr.	A.	A.
Wells, Moses H.	Lower Waterford	P.	Ca.	Ca.
Weston, Henry C.	North Bennington	P.	R. B.	B.
Wheeler, Orville G.	South Hero	P.	F. G.	Wi.
Wheelock, Edwin	Cambridge	P.	Le.	Le.
Whitman, J. S.	Lyndon	A. P.	Ca.	Ca.
Wickham, J. D.	Manchester	W. C.	R. B.	B.
Wild, Azel W.	Greensboro	P.	Os.	Os.
Wild, Edward P.	North Craftsbury	P.	Os.	Os.
Wild, Daniel.	Fairfield	A. P.	F.G.	N.W.
Wilder, J. C.	Charlotte	W. C.	Cn.	Wi.
Willard, Andrew J.	Burlington	W. C.	Cn.	Wi.
Williams, John K.	Bradford	P.	Oe.	Oe.
Williams, Stephen	Clarendon	W. C.	R. B.	Rd.
Williams, R. G.	Castleton	T.	R. B.	Rd.
Winch, Caleb M.	Corinth	A. P.	Oe.	M.
Winchester, W. W.	Bridport	P.	A.	A.
Woodward, J. H.	Milton	A. P.	Cn.	Wi.
Worcester, J. H.	Burlington	W. C.	Cn.	Wi.

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THE GENERAL CONVENTION.

THE Convention meets on the third Tuesday in June, annually. The Assembly's Shorter Catechism is its doctrinal standard. It is constituted as follows :

Each County Conference may send three delegates—one minister and two laymen. Each Association may send two delegates, and if it has eight ordained resident ministers, it may send three, and an additional delegate for every four ordained resident ministers. The permanent officers of the Convention, the Preacher, Minister of the Parish, Delegates to and from Foreign Bodies, Chairmen of Committees who have to report, the Officers of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society and Vermont Education Society, Members of Boards appointed by Convention, the persons appointed to prepare essays, and to lead in discussions, are also members *ex-officiis*. The officers of Convention are chosen annually, excepting the Register and Corresponding Secretary, who are elected for five years. The last election was in 1870. The Vermont Domestic Missionary Society and the Vermont Education Society hold their Anniversaries in connection with the meeting of Convention.

OFFICERS, COMMITTEES,

AND

ARRANGEMENTS FOR NEXT ANNUAL MEETING.

OFFICERS OF THE GENERAL CONVENTION AS A CORPORATE BODY.

President—REV. H. D. KITCHEL, D. D., Middlebury.
Vice President—REV. M. H. BUCKHAM, Burlington.
Secretary—REV. JOSEPH CHANDLER, Saxton's River.
Treasurer—J. G. STIMSON, ESQ., Norwich.
Corresponding Secretary—REV. J. TORREY, East Hardwick.
Trustees—THADDEUS FAIRBANKS, Esq., Rev. ALDACE WALKER, D. D., J. G. STIMSON, Esq., Hon. JOHN A. PAGE, Rev. H. F. LEAVITT.
Secretary of Sabbath Schools—Rev. W. S. PALMER, Wells River.

OFFICERS OF THE VERMONT DOMESTIC MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

President—JAMES W. HICKOK, Esq., Burlington.
Corresponding Secretary—REV. CHARLES S. SMITH, Montpelier.
Treasurer—J. C. EMERY, Montpelier.

OFFICERS OF THE VERMONT EDUCATION SOCIETY.

President—REV. H. D. KITCHEL, D D.,
Vice Presidents—{ REV. M. H. BUCKHAM, HON. FREDERICK BILLINGS.
Secretary—REV. C. W. THOMPSON.
Treasurer—DEA. C. F. THOMPSON, Brattleboro.

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES.

Fairbanks Board of Education—Rev. E. T. Fairbanks, Rev. Aldace Walker, D. D., Rev. Henry Fairbanks, J. C. Emery, Esq., Rev. Joseph Torrey.

Fairbanks Board for the Relief of Ministers—Rev. H. F. Leavitt, Thaddeus Fairbanks, Esq., J. G. Stimson, Esq., Dea. C. F. Thompson, Dea. Charles N. Haywood.

REPORTERS AND RECEIVERS.

Addison Conference—Rev. H. F. Leavitt; *Bennington Conference*—Rev. P. S. Pratt; *Caledonia Conference*—Rev. P. B. Fisk; *Chittenden Conference*—Rev. C. C. Torrey; *Essex Conference*—Rev. L. M. Harris; *Franklin and Grand Isle Conference*—Rev. A. B. Swift; *Lamoille Conference*—Rev. B. F. Perkins; *Orange Conference*—Rev. S. L. Bates; *Orleans Conference*—Rev. A. W. Wild; *Rutland Conference*—Rev. R. T. Hall; *Washington Conference*—Rev. W. S. Hazen; *Windham Conference*—Rev. Cyrus Hamlin; *Windsor Conference*—Rev. Wm. Sewall.

DELEGATES.

To M. E. Conference—Primary: Rev. C. W. Thompson. Substitute: Rev. J. P. Humphrey.

To the Baptist Convention—Primary: Rev. F. Tuxbury. Substitute: Rev. M. L. Severance.

To the F. W. Baptist Yearly Meeting—Primary: Rev. C. C. Torrey. Substitute: Rev. E. P. Wild.

Committee to Revise the Constitution—Rev. Messrs. A. Walker, D. D., J. Chandler, and C. E. Ferrin.

Committee to carry into effect the plan of Pastoral Sustentation—Rev. J. G. Johnson, Rev. Henry Fairbanks, Rev. C. S. Smith, Rev. H. T. Fuller, and Dea. C. F. Thompson.

NEXT ANNUAL MEETING.

Place—Northfield.

Preacher—Rev. G. N. Webber, D. D. Substitute: Rev. J. G. Johnson.

Discussion—"The special claims upon us, as Congregationalists, of our Co-operative Societies"—Primary: Rev. J. Copeland. Substitute: Rev. E. E. Herrick.

Essay—"The Preaching demanded by the Times"—Primary: Rev. C. B. Hulbert. Substitute: Rev. F. Tuxbury.

MINUTES.

THE GENERAL CONVENTION OF CONGREGATIONAL MINISTERS AND CHURCHES OF VERMONT met with the Congregational Church of Middlebury, June 17, 1873.

The opening sermon was preached by Rev. J. H. WORCESTER, D. D., from Matt. 5 : 17.

The following ministers and delegates presented their credentials, and were enrolled as members :

Addison Association—Rev. C. H. KENT, Rev. S. W. MAGILL, Rev. G. N. WEBBER, D. D., Rev. W. W. WINCHESTER.

Bennington Association—Rev. C. B. HULBERT, Rev. P. S. PRATT.

Caledonia Association, Rev. P. B. FISK, Rev. C. M. SOUTHGATE.

Lamoille Association———— ————.

Lancaster Association———— ————.

Montpelier Association—Rev. J. H. BABBITT, Rev. J. F. STONE Rev. E. SEABURY.

North Western Association—Rev. R. HICKS.

Orange Association———— ————

Orleans Association—Rev. A. W. WILD, Rev. E. P. WILD, Rev. T. E. RANNEY, Rev. D. CONNELL, Rev. W. T. HERRICK.

Royalton Association—Rev. C. B. DRAKE, D. D., Rev. C. W. CLARK, Rev. E. E. HERRICK.

Rutland Association—Rev. J. G. JOHNSON, Rev. R. T. HALL, Rev. F. TUXBURY, Rev. C. GRANGER.

White River Association—Rev. B. SMITH.

Windham Association—Rev. CYRUS HAMLIN, Rev. O. C. DICKERSON, Rev. A. STEVENS.

Windsor Association—Rev. L. H. COBB, Rev. J. G. HALE.

Winooski Association—Rev. JAMES BUCKHAM, Rev. J. C. HOUGHTON, Rev. C. C. TORREY, Rev. E. P. STONE.

Addison Conference—Rev. S. KNOWLTON, Bro. W. R. SANDFORD.

Bennington Conference—Rev. ISAAC JENNINGS, Rev. D. GOODHUE, Bro. CHARLES W. SWIFT, Bro. G. S. HARMON.

Caledonia Conference—Dea. SAMUEL JEWETT.

Chittenden Conference—Rev. C. M. SEATON, Bro. B. FAIRCHILD.

Essex and Coos Conference———— ————

Franklin and Grand Isle Conference—Rev. C. B. CADY.

Lamoille Conference—Rev. B. F. PERKINS.

Orange Conference—Bro. G. S. B. STEVENS.

Orleans Conference—Bro. I. D. R. COLLINS.

Rutland Conference—Bro. S. W. HARRISON.

Washington Conference—Rev. J. COPELAND, Bros. J. G. SMITH, and J. S. SPAULDING.

Windham Conference—Rev. F. W. OLMSTED, Dea. C. B. RICE.

Windsor Conference—Rev. A. C. CHILDS, Bro. J. S. CHAPMAN, Dea. ASAHEL CLARK.

MEMBERS EX-OFFICIIS.

Minister of the Parish—Rev. E. P. HOOKER.

Preacher—Rev. J. H. WORCESTER, D. D.

Corresponding Secretary—Rev. JOSEPH TORREY.

Register—Rev. JOSEPH CHANDLER.

Corresponding Secretary of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society—Rev. C. S. SMITH.

Recording Secretary—Rev. LEONARD TENNEY.

Secretary of the Vermont Education Society—Rev. A. B. DASCOMB.

Sunday School Secretary—Rev. W. S. HAZEN.

Appointees of last meeting—Rev. C. W. THOMPSON, Rev. G. B. SAFFORD.

Fairbanks Board for Relief of Ministers—Rev. H. F. LEAVITT, THADDEUS FAIRBANKS, Esq., J. G. STIMSON, Esq.

Fairbanks Education Board—Rev. ALDACE WALKER, D. D., Rev. HENRY FAIRBANKS, J. C. EMERY, Esq.

Delegate from the Vermont Baptist State Convention—Rev. T. H. ARCHIBALD.

Delegate from the Congregational Association of Oregon—Rev. E. GERRY.

The Convention was organized by electing

REV. L. H. COBB, of Springfield, *Moderator.*

REV. E. P. WILD, of Craftsbury, *Scribe.*

REV. J. H. BABBITT, of Waitsfield, *Assistant Scribe.*

Prayer was offered by the Moderator, and the Register read the Rules of the Convention.

The hours of meeting were fixed at 8.30 A. M., 2.30 P. M., and 7.30 P. M.; and the hours of adjournment, at 12 M., and 5 P. M.

Mr. Rufus Wainwright was elected Auditor of the Fairbanks Boards.

Adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Prayer was offered by Rev. C. Granger.

The Moderator nominated the following committees, and they were duly elected, viz:

Committee of Overtures—Rev. J. G. Hale, Rev. Henry Fairbanks, Rev. C. C. Torrey, Dea. C. B. Rice and Bro. J. G. Smith.

Committee on Delegates to Foreign Bodies—Rev. C. B. Hulbert, Rev. C. M. Southgate and Bro. W. R. Sanford.

Committee to arrange for next meeting—Rev. C. B. Drake, D. D., Rev. N. Mighill, Rev. J. G. Johnson, Bro. C. W. Swift, and Rev. W. W. Winchester.

Committee on Devotional Exercises—Rev. E. P. Hooker, Rev. C. E. Ferrin and Rev. A. W. Wild.

Committee on Assessments and Abatements—Dea. C. F. Thompson, Bro. J. S. Chapman and Bro. I. D. R. Collins.

It was voted that Rev. A. Stevens be admitted to membership in the Convention as a Delegate from Windham Association.

Rev. B. F. Perkins, delegate to the Free-Will Baptist Yearly Meeting, and Rev. M. L. Severance, delegate to the Vermont Baptist State Convention, made their reports.

Rev. T. H. Archibald, delegate from the Vermont Baptist State Convention, presented the salutation of that body.

The Corresponding Secretary, Rev. J. Torrey, read his report on the state of the churches.

Prayer was offered by Rev. A. Stevens; and after singing "Behold, the sure foundation stone," the report was accepted and adopted, and ordered to be printed in the Minutes.

Rev. H. F. Leavitt, for the Committee appointed by the Convention in 1871 to procure an Act of Incorporation, reported as follows, viz:

To the General Convention of Congregational Ministers and Churches of Vermont, assembled in Middlebury, June 17, 1873 *:*

Your committee appointed in June, 1871, to procure an Act of Incorporation for your body, do respectfully report that they have attended to the duty assigned them, and obtained, through their chairman, Governor Converse, from the Legislature at its last session, an Act of Incorporation, which is herewith submitted for your consideration. [Vide Act.]

You will perceive, therefore, that if you accept the act, there will necessarily come some marked changes in our Constitution and By-Laws. For instance, the Register becomes the Secretary, and is chosen annually; the Treasurer has the charge of all moneys, funds, property, and assets belonging to, entrusted or in any way committed to the care or custody of the corporation; so also, the five Trustees to be appointed, will take the place of both the Fairbanks Boards. The only change in the By-Laws will be in the election and names of your officers.

The act gives a legal existence to your body, which you have never had, and enables you to hold safely all property committed to your trust, and to carry out the wishes of the respective donors. Hitherto the large funds entrusted to your body have been jeopardized for want of some such act; and, though it is not all that a majority of your Committee desired, yet they see no valid objection to accepting at once the Act of Incorporation as it is, and afterwards proceeding at your leisure to make your By-Laws conform to the new Constitution, and to perfect your organization by the appointment of your officers.

And if in its working, it is found defective in some points, an application to the Legislature will make all right.

In behalf of the Committee,

H. F. LEAVITT.

The report was accepted, and referred to a committee of seven members, who were appointed as follows, viz: Rev. Messrs. Henry Fairbanks, A. B. Dascomb, S. W. Magill, P. B. Fisk, A. Stevens, J. Torrey and A. Walker, D. D.

Prayer was offered by Rev. B. Smith. A season of prayer and conference followed.

Adjourned.

EVENING SESSION.

Prayer was offered by Rev. J. C. Houghton.

The discussion of "The Roman Catholic question in its practical aspects in this State," was opened by Rev. G. B. Safford.

Prayer was offered by Rev. S. W. Magill, after which the discussion was continued by Rev. Messrs. Gilbert, Smith, Chandler,

Johnson, Hamlin, Torrey, Hulbert, Severance, Fisk, Copeland and Granger.

The committee on devotional exercises reported, recommending morning prayer meetings on Wednesday and Thursday ; also special seasons of prayer for ten or fifteen minutes, to be held during the remaining sessions, for the special descent of the Holy Spirit upon our churches ; which report was adopted.

Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

A prayer meeting was held at 6 A. M., conducted by Rev. N. Mighill.

The Convention met for business at half-past eight.

Prayer was offered by Rev. A. C. Childs.

The roll was called, and the Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The Committee of Overtures presented the following resolution, which was adopted, viz :

Resolved, That Rev. Mr. Safford be requested to furnish the statistics presented by him last evening, for publication in the Minutes, in connection with the report of the Tuesday evening meeting.

The Report of the Treasurer of the Fairbanks Board for the relief of ministers, was presented by J. G. Stimson, Esq., as follows :

TREASURER'S REPORT OF THE FAIRBANKS FUND FOR THE RELIEF OF NEEDY AND DESTITUTE CLERGYMEN.

Fairbanks Fund for the Relief of Ministers,
In account with J. G. STIMSON, *Treasurer.*

CREDIT.

1872.			
June 18.	By bal. in treasury, as per Auditor's Report,	$371 78	
	By cash paid back to Fund by Rev. C. B. Drake, D. D.	100 00	
1873.			
June 18.	By interest received on notes and moneys last year	442 57	
	By interest over due on J. Somerville's notes	182 34	
			$1096 69

DEBIT.

To appropriations paid to nine beneficiaries the last year	$775 00	
To forty-two letters, sixteen drafts, and team to Vershire	6 00	
To balance due to, and in treasury	315 69	
		$1096 69

The fund as last reported is well secured by note and mortgage	$10,000 00
There have been added Tennessee State bonds, upon which the third year's unpaid interest will fall due July 1, 1873	5,000 00
Also legacy from estate of Mrs. Ann E. F. Smith—six hundred dollars of it on interest since March 15,	900 00
	$15,900 00

J. G. STIMSON, *Treasurer.*

I have examined the account of Treasurer Stimson, and find a balance in his hands of $315 69.

R. WAINWRIGHT, *Auditor.*

Middlebury, June 17, 1873.

Moneys received for Widows and Orphans,
In account with J. G. STIMSON, *Treasurer.*

CREDIT.

1872. June 18.	By balance in treasury as per Auditor's report	$336 83	
	By cash of Cong. Church, Peacham,	17 20	
July 8.	" " " " Middlebury,	23 07	
1873. June.	By cash of Rev. H. F. Leavitt, for Mrs. Nancy M. Leavitt	20 00	
17.	By balance of interest	13 60	
			$410 70

DEBIT.

To paid appropriations	$250 00	
To expenses	1 50	
To balance in treasury	159 20	
		$410 70

J. G. STIMSON, *Treasurer.*

Middlebury, June 17, 1873.

The above statement is correct, and I find $159 20 in the hands of the Treasurer.

R. WAINWRIGHT, *Auditor.*

The report was accepted.

The following Reporters and Receivers were appointed to fill vacancies, viz:

Rev. P. S. PRATT, for Bennington Conference.
Rev. R. T. HALL, for Rutland Conference.
Rev. L. W. HARRIS, for Essex and Coos Conference.
Rev. S. L. BATES, for Orange Conference.

The report of the Fairbanks Board for the Relief of Ministers was read by Rev. H. F. Leavitt, viz:

REPORT OF THE FAIRBANKS BOARD FOR THE RELIEF OF MINISTERS.

To the General Convention of Congregational Ministers and Churches in Vermont, assembled at Middlebury, June 17, 1873:

Your Committee of the Fairbanks Board for the relief of superannuated and indigent ministers and their families, do respectfully report, that the history of the past year, like that of the preceding, is filled with incidents of mingled sorrow and joy: with *sorrow*, that so many of our dearest and best friends are rapidly passing away, and leaving a void hard to be filled; with *joy*, that as "the Epistles of Jesus Christ, known and read of all men," their influence was blessed, and their end peace. While, therefore, we mourn over our loss, we rejoice to think of them before the throne of God and the Lamb, blood-washed, ecstatic in their praises for redeeming mercy, and yet deep sympathizers in our cause. They have not forgotten, up there, the objects of affection and sympathy that moved them so deeply here, viz: indigent ministers and their widows and orphans. They remembered them in their wills and when dying. Said one wife when dying, "Dear husband, please give to the widows and orphans fund of deceased ministers $10 for me." "Yes," was the reply, "$20": and that wife influenced the other wife of a minister, then a widow, to make a bequest of $900 for this object, which has been already received. These facts mark the history of the past year, and show that our wives and daughters are rising up to take hold of this cause with woman's faith and love.

The report of our Treasurer shows our receipts, including balance on hand June, 1872, to be.....$1096 69
Appropriations..... 731 00

Leaving a balance of.....$315 69

This includes the legacy of Mrs. Ann E. Smith, widow of a minister, and $180 interest due but not paid, and $20 from another minister's wife,

Your committee beg leave further to suggest, inasmuch as the original Fairbanks fund of $10,000 cannot be legally appropriated to the needy and worthy widows and orphans of deceased ministers, the propriety of setting apart so much of legacies and donations made to indigent ministers and their families, as shall form a fund in the end, the annual interest of which shall do something towards meeting the wants and necessities of the increasing number of such widows and orphans.

Some of our wives and daughters have had their hearts deeply moved on this subject, and prayed and labored earnestly and successfully, till they were called to lay off their harness, and go up to the Master.

Our Tennessee bonds of $5,000 and unpaid coupons have as yet yielded no income.

In behalf of the Committee,

H. F. LEAVITT.

The report was accepted.

The Treasurer of the Convention made his report, which was accepted, viz:

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Vermont General Convention, in account with J. CHANDLER, *Treas.*

1872.	CREDIT.	
Sept. 5.	Cash on hand from last year	$178 84
	Received from Windham Conference	25 00
6.	Borrowed on note	52 06
Nov. 13.	Received from Windsor Conference	40 27
Dec. 16.	" " Windham Conference	11 11
1873.		
June 17.	" " Orleans Conference	24 25
	" " Bennington Conference	16 70
	" " Caledonia Conference	34 05
	" " Chittenden Conference	28 83
	" " Lamoille Conference	8 95
	" " Franklin and Gr. Isle Confer.	17 18
	" " Washington Conference	22 40
	" " Rutland Conference	40 67
	" " Addison Conference	36 20
		$536 51

1872.	DEBIT.		
Sept. 6.	Printing Minutes of 1872	$245 23	
	Freight and expense of packing	10 67	
Nov. 15.	Paid on note—endorsement	40 27	
Dec. 16.	Paid on note—endorsed	11 11	
1873.			
May 26.	Ten postage stamps	30	
June 17.	Postage of Corresponding Secretary	3 00	
	Postage of Sunday School Secretary	2 25	
	Cash on hand	223 68	
			$536 51

On motion of Rev. J. Chandler, it was voted that the assessments upon the Conferences for the ensuing year be $300.

Rev. Messrs. J. Torrey, E. P. Wild and C. S. Smith were appointed a committee to procure the printing of the Minutes.

Adjourned to give place to the anniversary of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Lord's Supper was administered; Rev. S. W. Magill and Rev. C. B. Drake, D. D., officiating at the table.

Rev. C. W. Thompson read an essay on "The proper ratio of ethical to doctrinal preaching."

Voted, That a copy of this essay be requested for publication in the Minutes.

The report of the Fairbanks Board of Education was presented by Rev. Henry Fairbanks, viz:

REPORT OF THE FAIRBANKS EDUCATION BOARD.

The Treasurer charges himself with		
Balance on hand, June 1, 1872	$367 82	
Interest on investments	624 18	
		$992 00
And credits himself with		
Paid orders to students aided	$425 00	
Leaving balance in treasury	567 00	
		$992 00

(Audited by R. Wainwright, June 18.)

Six students have received aid, but four of these have been studying only a part of the year, and therefore have not drawn their full appropriations. This fact accounts for the increased balance in treasury. It is desirable that suitable candidates, just entering upon a course of preparation for the ministry, be encouraged to apply for aid.

Respectfully submitted,
EDWARD T. FAIRBANKS, *Chairman.*
HENRY FAIRBANKS, *Treasurer.*

The report was accepted.

The committee of seven, to whom was referred the report on the Act of Incorporation, reported as follows, viz:

REPORT ON ACT OF INCORPORATION.

The committee to which were referred the questions in connection with the acceptance of the proposed Act of Incorporation, after deliberation, report and unanimously recommend as follows:

1. That the Convention accept and adopt the Act of Incorporation granted by the State at the last session of the legislature, and that we proceed to organize in accordance with its provisions at some time during the present session.
2. That a committee be appointed to revise our Constitution and By-Laws in accordance with said Act, and to report for the action of Convention at its meeting of 1874, and that meanwhile any clauses of our present Constitution and Laws, inconsistent with the provisions of the Act of Incorporation, be annulled.
3. That at least for the present year, in addition to the Trustees provided for in the Act, the Fairbanks Boards be appointed as usual.
4. That a committee be appointed to nominate officers of Convention.

For the Committee.
HENRY FAIRBANKS.

This report was accepted and adopted: and in accordance with its provisions the following committees were appointed, viz:

Committee on Nomination—Rev. Messrs. W. T. Herrick, L. Tenney, and H. F. Leavitt.

Committee on Revision—Rev. Messrs. A. Walker, D. D., J. Chandler, and C. E. Ferrin.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY MORNING.

From 6 to 7 A. M. a prayer meeting was held, led by Rev. H. M. Holmes: and at half past eight the Convention met for business.

Prayer was offered by Rev. C. H. Kent.

The calling of the roll was omitted, and the Minutes were read and approved.

The Committee on Assessments and Abatements made their report, which was accepted and adopted, viz:

To the General Convention:

Your Committee on Assessments and Abatements would report the following apportionment of the assessment of the $300, ordered by vote:

Addison Conference	$32 00
Bennington Conference	16 00
Caledonia Conference	30 00
Chittenden Conference	25 00
Essex and Coos Conference	2 00
Franklin and Grand Isle Conference	20 00
Lamoille Conference	8 00
Orange Conference	32 00
Orleans Conference	17 00
Rutland Conference	36 00
Washington Conference	18 00
Windham Conference	30 00
Windsor Conference	34 00
	$300 00

C. F. THOMPSON,
J. S. CHAPMAN,
I. D. R. COLLINS,
} *Committee.*

The Committee on Revision made a report, which was accepted and adopted, viz:

In the 2d Rule, after the word "exercises," substitute "The President, or in his absence the Vice President, shall call the meeting to order, lead in prayer, and, after the reading of the roll prepared by the Secretary, shall call for the election of a Scribe and Assistant Scribe, and for the reading of the Rules of Business and of the Docket of the Secretary. In the absence of both President and Vice President, the Secretary shall call the meeting to order, and a President shall be chosen, by ballot if called for, who shall preside till the election of the annual officers."

The Committee of Overtures presented the following resolution, which was adopted, viz:

Resolved, That as a Convention we recommend, if practicable, the union of the publications of the various benevolent societies of our denomination in one general publication.

Rev. A. C. Childs led the Convention in prayer for a blessing upon the Massachusetts General Association, now in session at Natick. Prayers by others followed.

The Committee on Nominations reported as follows, viz:

PRESIDENT,

REV. H. D. KITCHEL, D. D.

VICE PRESIDENT,

REV. M. H. BUCKHAM, D. D.

SECRETARY,

REV. JOSEPH CHANDLER.

TREASURER,

J. G. STIMSON, ESQ.

Trustees—THADDEUS FAIRBANKS, Esq., Rev. ALDACE WALKER, D. D., J. G. STIMSON, Esq., JOHN A. PAGE, Esq., Rev. H. F. LEAVITT.

Fairbanks Board of Education—Rev. E. T. FAIRBANKS, Rev. ALDACE WALKER, D. D., Rev. HENRY FAIRBANKS, J. C. EMERY, Esq., Rev. JOSEPH TORREY.

Fairbanks Board for the Relief of Ministers—Rev. H. F. LEAVITT, THADDEUS FAIRBANKS, Esq., J. G. STIMSON, Esq., Dea. C. F. THOMPSON, Dea. CHARLES N. HAYWARD.

This report was accepted and adopted.

Voted that Rev. J. Torrey be continued in the office of Corresponding Secretary.

Voted that Rev. F. B. Perkins, of the American Tract Society, be invited to address the Convention for ten minutes: which invitation was accepted.

The Committee on Arrangements for next Meeting reported as follows, viz:

Place of Meeting—Northfield.
Preacher—Rev. G. N. Webber, D. D. Substitute—Rev. J. G. Johnson.
Discussion—The special claims upon us, as Congregationalists, of our co-operative societies—By Rev. J. Copeland. Substitute: Rev. E. E. Herrick.
Essay—The Preaching demanded by the Times—By Rev. C. B. Hulbert. Substitute: Rev. F. Tuxbury.

This report was accepted and adopted.

Rev. W. S. Hazen resigned his office as Sunday School Secretary. Rev. Messrs. L. Tenney, C. E. Ferrin and C. M. Southgate were appointed a committee to nominate a Secretary in his place.

The Committee of Overtures presented the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That hereafter the regular sessions of the Convention terminate Thursday noon; that the Sunday School meeting be held on Thursday A. M.; that if possible some hour be spent socially; and that arrangements be made for the brief presentation, by brethren of the Convention, of the various causes of Christian benevolence.

The resolution was referred to the Committee on the Revision of the Constitution, (to report next year,) that its suggestions may be adopted by them so far as they deem them expedient.

The Committee on Nomination of Delegates to Foreign Bodies reported as follows, viz:

Delegates to the M. E. Conference—Primary: Rev. C. W. Thompson. Substitute: Rev. J. P. Humphrey.
Delegates to the Baptist State Convention—Primary: Rev. F. Tuxbury. Substitute: Rev. M. L. Severance.
Delegates to the F. W. Baptist Yearly Meeting—Primary: Rev. C. C. Torrey. Substitute: Rev. E. P. Wild.

The Committee appointed to nominate a Sunday School Secretary reported the name of Rev. W. S. Palmer, who was elected.

Recess of five minutes.

Rev. E. Gerry, from the General Association of Oregon, presented the Christian salutation of that body, to whom the Moderator made response.

The report of the Committee on the proposed Pastoral Sustentation Fund was read by Rev. Henry Fairbanks, and accepted by the Convention.

Voted, That a Sustentation Committee be appointed, who shall proceed at once to business, and report progress at the next meeting.

Voted, That the report just read be printed in the Minutes; also that an extra edition of five thousand copies be printed by itself for general distribution.

[For this Report see p. 20.]

The proposed Sustentation Committee was nominated and elected, consisting of the following members, viz: Rev. J. G. Johnson, Rev. Henry Fairbanks, Rev. C. S. Smith, Rev. H. T. Fuller, Dea. C. F. Thompson.

The Committee of Overtures presented the following resolution, which was adopted, viz:

Resolved, That the cordial thanks of this Convention be given to the people of Middlebury who have entertained us during the

past three days, for their kind and generous hospitality: to the choir of this church for their acceptable service: and to the several railroad companies for free return tickets.

Adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Rev. W. W. Winchester led the Convention in prayer.

After singing an appropriate hymn, the Sunday School Secretary read his report, which was accepted, adopted, and ordered to be printed in the Minutes.

Brief addresses were made by Rev. Messrs. Copeland, Hulbert, and Perkins.

Prayer was offered by Rev. C. Hamlin, and general remarks were made in the interest of the Sunday School.

The Minutes were read and corrected.

Prayer was offered by Rev. A. B. Dascomb: the Convention tendered a vote of thanks to the Moderator: and after receiving the benediction from Rev. Dr. Drake, the Convention adjourned.

L. H. COBB, *Moderator.*

EDWARD P. WILD, *Scribe.*

JAS. H. BABBITT, *Assistant Scribe.*

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

ON

PASTORAL SUSTENTATION.

THE discussion of the subject of Sustentation has in this country arisen, (1) from the consideration of the unequal distribution of the pecuniary burdens of the support of the gospel, (2) from the apparent fact that some measure of the kind is but simple justice to the ministry, whose burdens are more unequal than those of the churches, (3) from the wide-spread conviction of the evil of *brief* pastorates, and still more of the lack of any pastoral relation, and (4) from the impression deepening in the minds of many, that the quality of average ministerial talent is becoming poorer, that many of the young men naturally fitted for the pulpit and the pastor's office, are deterred (more, perhaps, by friends than by their own inclination,) from entering the ministry, and this largely because the vocation is deemed beggarly. Certainly the poverty it entails, if not below the plane of respectability, is too great for the highest usefulness of the ministry. Moreover, many have, on account of inadequate support, abandoned the ministry, some, no doubt, wisely, since they are more useful elsewhere; but not a few have thus turned aside, some from lack of employment and actual hardship, and more from the uncertainties and annoyances of a life where one could depend neither on a home nor on the just payment of pecuniary dues. Home Missions aim to supply weak churches with ministers; Sustentation means help, especially for churches that will install their ministers and fulfill certain conditions for their support; Home Missions aim to keep ministers in the field at the least possible expense; Sustentation aims to raise the salaries of *pastors*, so that none shall receive less than a certain fixed sum, which sum is to be paid regularly and promptly.

The plan is best understood by sketching briefly what one denomination in this country has already done in this regard.

After two years of agitation and discussion of plans, about two years ago the re-united Presbyterian churches of the United States resolved to adopt measures to remedy some of the evils we have mentioned. By their General Assembly a Committee or Board on Pastoral Sustentation was appointed, to have charge of this work. They were to arrange the details of a plan ; and, in accordance with the plan, receive and distribute funds. They proposed a minimum salary of $1000, — no parsonage being reckoned at more than $100,—on the following conditions :

1. The minister to be installed, and to give his whole time to the work of the ministry. 2. The church and society aided to pay at least $500, and as much more as possible. 3. An annual average payment by the people for support of pastor of at least $7.30 per member of the church, the full roll of the church being the basis of estimate, and this sum to be exclusive of parsonage. 4. No reduction of salary from preceding year. 5. Salary of church to be first paid, quarterly in full. 6. Advance payment to the committee of one twentieth of church salary. 7. Systematic giving (by envelope or collectors) to all the mission and other boards of the church. 8. Endorsement of Presbyterial committee and of Presbytery. 9. No aid to adjacent churches without consolidation. 10. Grant of aid to date from actual fulfillment of the above conditions. For second year, a new application re-endorsed and conditioned as before.

The plan went into operation October, 1871. During the next six months, or to the end of the fiscal year, preceding the next General Assembly, $41,000 were contributed by the churches to the work of this committee, 114 churches were aided, 72 ministers were taken off the hands of the Board of Home Missions, and 61 ministers were made pastors. This directly in six months. But the indirect results were not less gratifying, since many churches, while preparing to avail themselves of the benefits of this scheme, found themselves able, without aid, to make the pastor's salary $1000. Throughout the churches there was an impulse to a better support of the ministry.

From the report of the Sustentation Committee to the last Presbyterian General Assembly at Baltimore, it appears that during the year ending May 1, 1873, $60,000 were contributed by the Presbyterian churches to this work, and 308 churches received aid. Reports from 200 of these churches show that these have increased in one year their own contributions to support of pastors 30 per ct., —or they give in the aggregate $110,000, where the year previous they gave $85,000, and that for church charities they have more than tripled their gifts, contributing $20,000 where before they gave only $6000.

To this Sustentation work among the Presbyterians objections have been made, and one or two rules—chiefly that requiring consolidation of adjacent churches—have occasioned collision with the work of the Home Mission Board. The groups of churches have been broken up, the stronger with the aid of this Fund settling and supporting their pastors, while the weaker have been left to get along as best they could. So it has been alleged that it was not suited to the frontier, since it gave impulse to concentration rather than expansion of Christian labor. But these evils may be avoided. The system, though so briefly tested, has to a considerable extent promoted the increase and the length of pastorates, has *tended* to a better support of the ministry, and in part secured it, has incited greater interest in the benevolent enterprises of the church at large, and has brought the stronger churches into more intimate relations with the weaker, thus developing mutual sympathy and helpfulness.

The Committee of the last General Assembly appointed to report on this work, spoke of it as follows: "We are unanimously of the opinion that this scheme is one of the very highest importance to our church; that its administration has been prudent and able; and that it should no longer be regarded in the light of an experiment, but fully established as a part of the settled policy of the Church." Resolutions embodying these views were adopted by the Assembly.

The practical questions for the Congregational churches of Vermont, as far as your committee feel called upon to discuss, are, (1) whether any concerted effort having the same or similar ends in view among us is needed, and (2) whether such effort is practicable.

First, is there a necessity for any concerted effort for pastoral sustentation? To enable your committee to answer this question satisfactorily, they issued a circular, asking information on the following points: (1) salary of minister; (2) frequency of payment of salary; (3) punctuality of payment; (4) average time of delay of payment, if such delay occurred; (5) whether proceeds of donations or other gifts were ever reckoned to make up stipulated salary; (6) whether church had parsonage; (7) if so, its yearly value or rental, and (8) in case of lack of parsonage, what was the house-rent of minister. We have received replies from 162 churches, which number includes all but three or four of the self-supporting churches, and most of the mission stations except those regarded as itinerant fields. From these returns we find that sixty-five churches (out of 162) have for all or a part of the year had settled pastors; that of these, nine are aided by the Domestic Missionary Society, and pay a salary of from $400 to $850; that

of the rest, eighteen pay less than $1,000, while thirty-eight pay $1.000 and over. Of the 162 churches reported,

13	pay their pastor or acting pastor	not	exceeding	$500.
25	"	"	"	600.
43	"	"	less than	800.
102	"	"	"	1,000.
60	"	"	$1,000 and over.	
15	"	"	1,500 and over.	

The reports show the meagre salaries of many of our ministers, and thus account for the facts that pastorates are brief, and that a large majority of our churches do not install their ministers. Even if churches were disposed to settle pastors, ministers would not accede to this, because they do not think it wise to enter into a permanent relation without adequate support. They hope for something better. Hence it is at least very natural that they should be, if not discontented, at least less than perfectly satisfied, and hence must be less efficient in their work than if they had a parish that was to them a home. The reports indicate, moreover, that our churches do not bear equal burdens in the support of the gospel. Some of them pay two or three times as much as others in proportion to their ability, viz. some 200 per cent. on the grand list, others less than fifty per cent. We have not full nor indeed any considerable facts touching the relative pecuniary ability of the churches, but taking the resident membership as a basis of estimate, we have ascertained some items of interest. We find that the churches aided by the Domestic Missionary Society pay, besides the aid received, $10.90 yearly, per member, for support of ministers; that those self-supporting churches where the minister's salary is from $600 to $800, pay $8.30 annually per member; that those whose minister's salary is $800 to $1,000, pay $10.76 per member, and those which pay their ministers $1,000 and upwards, average $9.87 per member. Tested by this standard, some churches have a peculiarly unenviable record. They are fifteen years behind the times, paying even now *ante*-war salaries. One with 184 resident members, nearly all well-to-do people, pays only $860, the parsonage reckoned at $100 at that. Another, with a membership of 183, pays only $900. In contrast with this, a church of fifty-eight members pays $2,000; another of twenty-eight members, $900. The average pecuniary ability of the members of the two former churches is nearly as great as that of the two latter. On the whole, while a few churches paying small salaries, pay less per member than any other class, the stronger and wealthier churches, as our tables show, do not bear their share of the burden—privilege rather—of the support of the gospel in the State. The tendency among us is to an unchristian selfishness in

matters pertaining to church work. As if, forsooth, *our own* church were of more importance than our neighbor's, or the local church of more consequence than the general interests of Christ's kingdom, or as if the whole spiritual welfare of a community depended on the securing or retention of a certain minister to the exclusion of all others. We cannot too much deprecate, nor too severely censure, the spirit manifested by some of the stronger churches toward the weaker, especially when in their immediate vicinity. If there is not room for both, let them unite; if there is room, let them work together, remembering that their real interests are identical, and that in accordance with Paul's precept, those that are strong ought to help to bear the burdens of the weak. Nor is it impossible that the energetic, ambitious Christian minister should in this respect fall into temptation. If this convention of churches here to-day assembled means anything, it means that we have common interests and mutual obligations. If our connection is voluntary, and our bond of union weak, mutual responsibility is thereby neither removed nor diminished.

Another fact which the questions of our circular have elicited, though with some difficulty, is this: that only one-third, or about fifty of our churches pay their ministers both regularly and promptly. Indeed, this is the sorest evil of the financial condition of our churches.

Here are more than 100 churches, most of them promising to pay their ministers quarterly or semi-annually, that break their pledges two or four times every year, that financially are unreliable, whose letter of credit to their minister is hardly worth the paper on which it is written, whose notes would go to protest at the bank, and whose names at the offices of commercial intelligence would be stamped *unsound* or *worthless*, if their dealings with their ministers were to be the criterion of solvency and reputation. Do we, laymen of the Vermont churches,— for we now talk to the pews where your committee sit,—do we laymen think that any other class of men would so bear with us as do our ministers? Do we for a moment suppose that our ministers are not inconvenienced, and even greatly tried by our dilatoriness? Do we ever think that the fact that our minister is in debt, hinders his usefulness? But have we paid him punctually the quarter's salary and settled all arrearages? That is the point at which to begin inquiry and complaint. More than one church in this State is from one to two years in arrears for its pastor's salary, and fifteen churches are reported as reckoning the proceeds of donations to make up the promised salary. In short, gentlemen, the administration of the business interests of a large majority of the churches and religious societies of our denomination in this state is shamefully unjust to the min-

istry, and a disgrace to our Christian profession. This is not generally owing to inability, neither is it casual, but it proceeds from habits, long continued, of the general negligence. Men pay their ministerial tax or subscription when they can no longer put it off, committees and wardens are inefficient, and ministers themselves foster the wrong, doing both themselves and the churches an injury, by tolerating it.

We surely may not be asked to furnish additional evidence of the need of strong effort to mitigate some of these evils. There is need of a more *permanent* ministry, and hence need of a better and more reliable support for it. We need able ministers, rather than the reverse; it behooves us to provide that young men of talent, piety and adaptation for the work are not repelled from it by unnecessary, and to them insuperable obstacles.

Secondly, and finally, your committee believe that some concerted effort to this end is practicable, but, from lack of opportunity for conference, and from a conviction that something might be gained by previous discussion, are not yet prepared to present a well digested plan for the consideration of the Convention. We believe that a minium of $800 or $900 might be fixed for ministerial support on condition of installation, quarterly and prompt payment of salaries, and contribution to our principal benevolent objects; but we have some doubt whether a new organization is needed to carry out the plan, and therefore we recommend to the Convention the appointment of a committee to confer with the officers of the Domestic Missionary Society, and report next year a suitable plan for such aid to our weaker churches as will tend to secure better salaries to settled pastors, and an improved administration of the business interests of our churches.

Respectfully submitted,

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REPORT

ON THE

STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

It is an interesting and instructive thing to sit upon the bold Chin of old Mansfield on a clear day, and take a view of the country that spreads itself out like a great map before you. You see more than you had down below, and you see *less;* less, to be sure, of the *detail*, for you are too far off to see what is going on in the villages that dot the landscape; but you see *more* of the *general*. From your exalted seat, you get some idea of how the *world* on which you live looks to an outsider. It would be a grand thing, you think, if you could go somewhat *higher*, and be enabled to take in at one view *the State*, the Union, or the hemisphere. It is not much of an idea of the real, practical, worldly life that is obtained in such a view as this, and yet it is an educating and inspiring thing. The man who takes it, and reflects upon it, can hardly fail to be himself enlarged and elevated by it.

It is some such thing as this that we purpose to attempt at this hour, with reference to the Congregational Churches of our State. Here, from this hill of Zion to which our tribes have come up, would we look out upon the Churches of our State as a whole. Here, also, we see *more*, and we see *less*. From this distance, we can see little of the detail of church life and work. Just as the village reduces itself to a church-spire and a group of buildings, as seen from the mountain top, so the view of a Church from this point which we occupy to-day, may be reduced to some single and general aspect of church life; and yet we get some view of them all, or nearly all. There are always *some objects* concealed from view, and there are always some churches that do not report.

I say we cannot expect to see much of the life of each church; not enough to give us an adequate idea of the amount or kind of work that has been done in it for the year; that cannot be seen or told to-day; not enough to give any adequate idea of the practical life of the church in question; that cannot be uttered in a

sentence; not enough, even, to enable us to say whether a particular church is progressing or not, for "the kingdom of God cometh not with observation," and the days and years when there seems to be no marked advance, may be the days and years of gathering inward strength; not enough, even, to enable us to prophecy anything as to the future of our churches as a whole, for who knows but the hour of darkness and desertion may be the very hour when God's people will seek him early? But we surely can see enough to freshen our *remembrance* of sister churches, which by all the obligations of fellowship and charity, we ought not entirely to forget; enough to waken gratitude in our hearts to the Saviour who has here and there refreshed his people with his presence in a signal manner; and enough, perhaps, to encourage and cheer our hearts to go down again from the hill-top, to the toil, and labor, and prayer, of practical life in our respective churches, feeling that we are indeed members of a "goodly fellowship;" that the work is truly God's, and that to be workers together with Him, is grace enough for us. Indeed, we may not long enjoy the opportunity. A year is not long, and yet since we assembled at Brattleboro last summer, six of our Vermont ministers,—eight, if we may count those who by former labors had earned the right to be reckoned among us,—have finished their earthly labors, and we shall see their faces on earth no more. Our brethren, Daniel Ladd of Middlebury, Daniel H. Babcock of West Townshend, Robert Southgate of Hartford, Philander Bates of Ludlow, John L. Maynard of Williston, and Daniel Wild of Fairfield, some of whom met with us at our last Convention, will meet us here no more. Job Hall of Orwell, and Alonzo L. Deming of Glyndon, Minn., who were formerly ministers in this State, have also died during the year.

In taking a hasty glance at the churches of the State, I know not where we can more properly begin than with this county where we are, or with this church whose hospitalities we are now enjoying.

ADDISON CONFERENCE.

Of the fourteen churches in Addison Conference, eleven are supplied with pastors, and three are destitute. Only five of these churches have received any additions during the year, by profession of faith, while ten of them report losses by death or dismissal. The deaths have outnumbered the admissions on profession, by four, and the dismissions are three more than the admissions by letter—making the net loss seven. The churches of this Conference, however, have not been left without the tokens of God's presence and power. Three of them, Middlebury, New Haven and Or-

well, have been the scenes of very blessed and refreshing outpourings of the Holy Spirit. The church in Middlebury observed the Week of Prayer by evening meetings with good attendance. A few members of the church were much interested, and extra meetings were continued for several weeks, during which the interest extended outside of the church, engaging many young men, and among them, several of the college students. There was no appearance of excitement in these meetings, but many souls seem to have experienced the new birth, and others whose faith and hope had wavered, have been led to walk in newness of life, and ten have united with the church.—The church in New Haven had been for some time without a pastor, with the usual consequences. New interest began to be manifested with the settlement of the present pastor, increasing until the Week of Prayer, when it became intense and general, and the whole community seemed to feel the power of the Holy Spirit. Ten have joined the church. The congregation has increased by about seventy-five, the schedule of benevolent contributions has been revised, and the church is better united than for some time previous.—In Orwell, a revival of religion commenced during the Week of Prayer, and continued through the winter. Meetings were held every night for three weeks, and afterwards five meetings each week, until near the close of March. The church members were much engaged in the work and much blessed. Some thirty or forty express such interest as they had not felt before, though some of them had previously indulged a hope in Christ. Fourteen have already united with the church, and others are expecting to do so soon. The meetings have been solemn, and the work has seemed deep and thorough. The church has felt deeply the loss of five active and valuable members.—The church in Shoreham also observed the Week of Prayer, and the week following, and was much refreshed. Six hundred and fifty dollars have been raised for repairs. The prayer and conference meetings on Sabbath evenings have been, as for the past five years, well attended and full of interest. Twenty-one families have removed from this parish within five years, and only four have taken their places.—The church in Bridport has been engaged in efforts affecting its organic life, inquiring after the condition of absent members, attending to church discipline and establishing Sabbath schools in distant parts of the town, reaching many who do not attend public worship.—The church in Vergennes has a new pastor.—Cornwall, Salisbury, Weybridge and Ripton report nothing special.—The little church in Whiting, which began a year or two since to revive, has taken another important step, and repaired its house of worship, at an expense of two or three thousand dollars.—Churches in Bristol,

Ferrisburgh and Addison are without pastors, and without public worship. To the latter church (Addison) there are only a very few members remaining; some of whom cross the lake to worship at Port Henry,—others worship with the Methodists at home.

Passing north, we come next to

CHITTENDEN CONFERENCE.

The churches in Chittenden Conference, eighteen in number, report nothing but figures. Twelve of the pulpits are supplied with ministers at present; the remainder are vacant. Ten only of these churches have received additions, by profession of faith, during the year. The whole number added is seventy-two, of whom thirty-three were by letter. The number removed by death and dismissal is sixty-three, leaving a net gain of nine. An unusual mortality has seemed to afflict the church in Hinesburgh, which, from a total of 100 members, has lost eight by death during the year. Only four of the eighteen churches in this Conference have pastors installed over them, and from these cases we might judge the relation to be a nearly obsolete tradition of the past: as one of the four has been settled in his present field thirteen years, another twenty-two, and another, the venerable pastor of South Hero, thirty-three years. Together with the pastoral office, the rite of infant baptism seems to be passing somewhat into disuse. Ten of the churches report no infant baptisms, five report one each; the other three report eight in all. The benevolent contributions for this county are a little more than a thousand dollars less than they were last year.

Notwithstanding the apparently unfavorable indications of these figures, we have reason to know that the cause of Christ is not less dear, nor less a power in the hearts of the people of this county than it has usually been. The fields of God's husbandry have been sown and cultivated, and the materials for God's building have been prepared. The plants of the Lord's garden have been growing at the root, or developing in the stock, though it has not been the time of fruit.

FRANKLIN AND GRAND ISLE CONFERENCE.

In Franklin and Grand Isle Conference, all but one of the churches have been supplied with the preaching of the Word during the year. The average attendance upon public worship in twelve churches has been 1,303, about fifty less than last year,—while the attendance at Sabbath school has been about one hundred greater than last year. Seven of these churches have received additions by profession of faith, while nearly all of them

have lost by death and dismissal. The net loss for the year has been ten.

No church in the Conference has enjoyed any special revival of religion during the year. Several of them report prosperity. The church in Swanton never had so large congregations or Sabbath schools as at present.—The church in St. Albans has been without a pastor, yet under the preaching of Rev. Prof. Webber the congregations have increased, and members have been added to the church at nearly every communion season. The church now has a pastor.—In Sheldon there has been a revival of the willingness to perform Christian duties.—Churches in Enosburgh, Bakersfield, E. Berkshire, and Georgia, report ordinary health and a good degree of religious interest during the winter. The two former speak of a valuable element of strength and hope in their younger members.—Churches at St. Albans Bay, Fairfield and Montgomery are now vacant; the latter has had preaching only three months of the year. - Franklin, Highgate and Alburgh have nothing special to report.—The benevolent contributions of this Conference are about $1,500 less than last year.

ORLEANS CONFERENCE.

Of the eighteen churches in Orleans Conference, sixteen have ministers, and two are vacant. The average attendance upon public worship is about the same as last year. The Sabbath school attendance reported by sixteen churches is about the same as was reported by eighteen last year. There has been a little increase of benevolent contributions. Only six churches, one-third of the whole number, have received members by profession. Net loss, twenty-six. No church in the Conference has enjoyed a revival of religion during the year, yet the Holy Spirit has been present to bless the labors of God's people in several fields. There has been a large increase of interest in the Sabbath school cause, due to the establishment of a county organization, in which all evangelical denominations unite, holding conventions or institutes twice each year. The churches reporting the greatest degree of prosperity, are Barton and Craftsbury. The latter church was much quickened during the Week of Prayer, and there were several hopeful conversions, with valuable additions to the church. Some of the most useful members have died. Reference is made by this and other churches to the unusual number of Sabbaths during the winter, when people were detained from the public worship, by storms or impassable roads.—The church in Irasburgh has been reorganizing, on the basis of new articles of faith. The Week of Prayer was observed. Congregations are large and attentive. Meetings in out-districts are held, and clouds of mercy seem

almost ready to burst, but the time of harvest is not yet.—The churches in West Charleston and Lowell report good religious interest, with a marked temperance revival.—In Brownington and Coventry, there has been good attendance at prayer meeting, and a few conversions.—Brighton and Albany are in a hopeful state. —In Greensboro there is a better attitude on the part of those who have opposed the truth.—Holland and Morgan are in a very feeble state, yet not hopeless.—The remaining churches at Glover, Derby, Newport, Troy, North Troy and Westfield are in ordinary condition.

ESSEX CONFERENCE.

The three churches of Essex Conference are at present all supplied with ministers. Three members have been received, and five removed, making a net loss of two.—In Granby and Victory, the state of religion is hopeful, and some are entering upon a Christian life. The Sabbath school is interesting.—The report from Guildhall speaks of trial and disheartening, and of exceeding need of Divine presence and power, that the church may be revived and saved.—The church in Granby is now ministered to by the venerable Rev. S. R. Hall, by whom it was organized fifty years ago.

CALEDONIA CONFERENCE.

Of the fourteen churches in Caledonia Conference, thirteen are provided with ministers, and one is destitute. Only one half of them have received any additions by profession of faith. The total of admissions is sixty-six, of removals by death and dismissal, eighty-seven, leaving a net loss of twenty-one members. And yet the reports from this Conference show that the churches have not been without a good degree of prosperity. Some progress has been made in external things certainly.—A new and beautiful house of worship has been completed and *dedicated* in Lyndonville, and although the society is embarrassed by debt, it is hopeful and energetic. A new parsonage has also been built by six of the leading men.—The church and society in Hardwick have paid off a church debt which, though not large ($500), had been a burdensome thing and peculiarly difficult to pay. Looking now at the spiritual status of these churches, we find, that although there has been no proper revival of religion, yet several of them have been quietly working and steadily growing.—The two churches on St. Johnsbury Plain—the Second and South,—have been receiving members at nearly every communion, twenty-two by profession and fourteen by letter, and their congregations are rather on the increase.—The churches in Lyndonville, Peacham, Cabot and St.

Johnsbury Center have had some tokens of the Spirit's presence in the conversion of souls, and in the interest that has characterized the religious meetings of the year. The other churches are in ordinary health, excepting that in East Burke, which is still quite feeble and discouraged. It has been a year of unusual mortality in some of the churches of this Conference; the church in Peacham has lost thirteen members by death; the church in St. Johnsbury nine, among them Dea. T. L. Hall, who had been for many years Treasurer of the Conference.—The churches in St. Johnsbury East, and in Waterford, have been suffering much by the removal of families to other places. Church, congregation and financial ability have been affected by this cause, with no compensating fact except the joy of sending out good Christian men and women.—The Week of Prayer was observed by several of the churches, and the interest in the Sabbath school has increased in Waterford and in Lyndonville. In the latter place a class is taught in French, by the clerk of the railroad superintendent, and two of its members are candidates for admission to the church.

LAMOILLE CONFERENCE.

Of the eight churches in Lamoille Conference, five have ministers. Only two of them have received any additions by profession of faith. These two, Johnson and Morristown, have received twenty members. The net gain for the Conference is fifteen. One of the churches of this Conference, the church in Johnson, has enjoyed a revival of religion. During the months of November and December, and in connection with the labors of Rev. H. G. DeWitt, the evangelist, union meetings were held with the Baptist church. The greatest harmony prevailed. Christians were aroused, and the community was much blessed. Thirty or forty hopeful conversions were the result, of whom seventeen have been added to this church. An encouraging state of religious interest also exists in some of the other churches in the county. There is a larger attendance upon the prayer-meeting in Morristown than ever before at this time of year; and in Stowe there is an increase of attendance upon Sabbath worship and Sabbath school, and in ability to sustain home work. Some progress has been made also in external matters, in this Conference. The church in Morristown is going on with the repairs of its house of worship, begun last year, expending now $1,500 or $2,000.

On the whole, however, the condition of the churches is not so favorable as it was a year ago. There are no pastors at present in either church in Hydepark, and Waterville is also vacant. Waterville has had the labors of a student for three months last summer,

The average congregations for the Conference have been a little less than *last* year. The benevolent contributions, however, have been larger, being last year $290, or 93 cents per member, and this year $560, or $1.57 per member.

WASHINGTON CONFERENCE.

In Washington Conference there are thirteen churches, eleven of which are provided with pastors. Eight of them have received members on profession of faith. The removals exceed the admissions by four. It has been a year rather of seed-sowing than of harvest-gathering in this Conference. There has been less of marked religious interest in the churches than in some former years. The circular conferences have not been held. Some of the churches, however, exhibit a healthy activity and growth.—In Berlin West there has been for several months more than usual religious interest, with some hopeful conversions.—In Northfield, also, during the winter, the church was somewhat refreshed from on high.—Churches in Montpelier, Barre, Berlin, Marshfield, Roxbury, and Waitsfield, all report life and growth. Good work has been done in them all, whose fruits must surely appear in their season.—In Duxbury, meetings have been suspended for a portion of the year, on account of repairs of the house of worship.—In Waitsfield, some interest has been taken by the ladies in benevolent work.—The Society and church in Waterbury have suffered very seriously by death and emigration, yet there is an improvement in harmony, and the house of worship has been repaired at an expense of $1,500, which has been paid. The effect of this movement has been to give the people a better esteem for the sanctuary.—The church in Plainfield, which has been without preaching or meeting for two years, has during the year raised sufficient money, with the help of the Domestic Missionary Society, to sustain a minister. They now enjoy the means of grace again, and a Sabbath school has been organized.—Nothing special has been reported for Worcester.

ORANGE CONFERENCE.

In Orange Conference, sixteen churches are provided with ministers and four are destitute. Only nine of the twenty churches report any additions by profession of faith. The actual loss for the year is three. While there has been no marked outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon any of the churches of this Conference during the year, yet many of them have been working in earnest faith and steadily gaining in strength. The first church in Brookfield has been gradually working out the results of the revival of last year.

Several of those then hopefully interested have not yet been gathered in, by reason of real or fancied difficulties, but the difficulties are being removed, and there is hope of better things.—The second church in Brookfield has also been gathering up the fruits of the revival of last year, and endeavoring to strengthen and confirm those who are Christ's professed disciples. The church roll has been carefully revised, and absent members looked after. The church and society are in a more healthful and strong condition, have increased the pastor's salary by $200, making it $1,000, and contributions are taken up regularly for benevolent objects.—In Wells River, two district prayer-meetings in the winter, and three district Sabbath schools in the summer, have been sustained. A large furnace has been put into the church, adding greatly to the comfort of worshipers.—At Newbury, the Week of Prayer was observed, and a young people's meeting has been sustained through most of the year. The church seems to be getting into a better working state.—In Thetford, the Sabbath evening lectures by the pastor have been well attended.—The church in East Braintree, which was organized only a little more than a year ago, and which last year received forty-three members on profession of faith, this year reports an addition of thirteen more.—The remaining churches of this Conference report nothing of special interest, excepting a few encouraging figures.

WINDSOR CONFERENCE.

There are twenty-five churches in Windsor Conference. We have reports from all but five of them. Nineteen are provided with ministers and six are not. Ten churches have received members on profession of faith, and fifteen have not. There are only *six* churches whose gains exceed their losses. The net loss for the Conference the year past, is thirty-one members. Only six churches report any infant baptisms.

Some of the churches have been greatly blessed during the year. There has been marked religious interest at Springfield since the meeting of the Y. M. C. A. Convention last November. Special meetings during the Week of Prayer, and afterward, resulted in a quickening of the church, and in twenty-five or thirty hopeful conversions. All means of grace were well attended and full of spirit.—At Windsor there has been considerable religious interest, with several conversions, but the church has been disturbed by internal troubles.—At Weston also there was increased religious interest during the Week of Prayer.—The church in Woodstock has lost heavily by deaths—but it has been a year of blessing also, so that the additions have exceeded the losses. Thirteen hundred dollars have been expended in repairing the

parsonage, and $500 raised for improving the heating arrangements of the church building.—There is a good state of feeling in Stockbridge and Weathersfield East.—At Weathersfield Center there has been no preaching since September.—The church in Bethel is prospering. Some have united at each communion.—At Chester, the Week of Prayer was observed in connection with the Baptists, and with some interest.—The church in Pittsfield has organized a branch church of ten members in Sherburne.—The society at Queechee have just completed and dedicated a beautiful house of worship.—The churches at Rochester and Sharon are *prospering*. The latter church has introduced a new Hymn Book, but has felt the necessity of applying for aid to the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society. It is hoped that the need of this assistance will be only temporary.—The church in Hartland has suffered much by death and removal.—At South Royalton the church debt of $1,900 has been paid, and the church seems to be gaining strength.—There is the usual prosperity at Ludlow, Norwich, and West Hartford.

WINDHAM CONFERENCE.

We have reports from twenty-two of the twenty-four churches in Windham Conference. Nineteen of this number are supplied with ministers. Fifteen have received members on profession of faith. Only eight churches have gained more than they have lost, and yet by the unusual prosperity of two or three churches, this Conference reports a net gain of ten members. Six churches only report any baptisms of infants.

The church in Townshend West reports a work of grace now in progress. The sudden death of the pastor, Rev. D. H. Babcock, induced seriousness and anxiety on the part of some about personal salvation. Fourteen are indulging hope in Christ. The church received the largest accession since its organization, at the last communion, viz.: four by letter, nine by profession,—eight of the latter were from the Sabbath school.—The church at Townshend East has held two extra meetings weekly for ten weeks since the Week of Prayer, in connection with the Baptists, which resulted in five or six hopeful conversions.—There has been considerable special interest among the young people in Brattleboro East, with some work for Christ, whose profiting has appeared in several conversions and the blessing of the laborers. The sustaining power of faith in some cases of severe and fatal illness has impressed many in the church, and led them to greater devotion. This church is at present much engaged in enlarging the chapel.—At Dummerston, some of the fruits of the revival of last year have been gathered in. A house has been purchased by individ-

uals for a parsonage.—There has been a good degree of religious interest in the church at Fayetteville for the last five months, with ten or more hopeful conversions, and the work is still in progress. —Some tokens of the presence of God's spirit have been manifest in Jamaica. A debt of $500, which had embarrassed the church, has been cancelled by a generous donation of $250 by the church in Brattleboro, and an equal amount from the Congregational Union; (Mr. S. E. Howard of Brattleboro, has given paint and oil to paint the parsonage.)—In Bellows Falls the congregation has increased, also the interest in Sabbath school. There is not quite the usual interest in prayer-meetings.—The church in Wardsboro is in better condition than for some time. The church building has been repaired inside and out. — Saxton's River and Westminster East have been supplied only a portion of the year.— The church in Wilmington has moved and repaired its house of worship at an expense of about $1,200.—There is no preaching at Londonderry South church, and the prospect is that this church will unite with that at North Londonderry.—The church in Stratton has been supplied for seventeen Sabbaths, and there is hope of its restoration to vigor. The house of worship has been repaired.—There is no preaching at Marlboro, but a few members are still left. – The church in Guilford, which has been destitute for some years, and which was spoken of last year as being about extinct, seems determined not to die. The County Missionary is endeavoring to establish regular services there, and with some success. A Sabbath school has been organized. There is material for a good congregation there; and if the right man could be found, a small but living church might grow up.

BENNINGTON CONFERENCE.

An interesting event of the year just closed has been the organization of Bennington Conference, composed of eight churches which have hitherto been connected with Rutland and Bennington Conference, one with Windham, and two others which have been independent; and uniting for the first time, all the Congregational churches of the county in mutual fellowship and co-operation. Some of the churches are small and feeble, but the Conference was organized with united and hopeful hearts. The first annual meeting, held last week in Bennington first church, was one of unusual interest and profit, and the feeling was general that the Head of the Church was present to sanctify the occasion and to approve and prosper the undertaking.

Of these eleven churches, ten are provided with ministers, five of whom are settled pastors, and one is destitute. So far as additions and conversions are concerned, it has been an unusually

barren year. Only four of the churches have received any additions. The admissions by profession have been eleven, and the deaths twenty-two—just double. The net loss for the Conference is nine; and yet the past year is reported as not lost, but one of diligent toil, patient seed-sowing, and effectual prayer. An encouraging fact in the year's history is, that the church in Rupert, which had been in a broken state for months, with no service except a neighborhood prayer meeting, is now enjoying the labor of a minister, and is resuming its work.—The feeble churches in East Dorset and Pownal have the benefit of preaching, by harmonious co-operation with the Methodists.—The reporter says of the church in Sandgate, that "if it be almost extinct, it is eminently dying the death of the righteous." Its existence and work for ninety years have not been in vain. That little town has sent forth over 500 families, many of which have been blessings to other parts of the country. The Sabbath schools of the county are in a healthful state, and benevolent contributions are increasing. Four churches have raised money for building or repairs.—North Bennington has nearly completed its first sanctuary house, to be dedicated in July; and Bennington Second is going forward in the erection of a new church edifice commensurate with its ability and needs.

RUTLAND CONFERENCE.

There are seventeen churches in Rutland Conference. Twelve of them have ministers, and five are destitute. Seven have received members by profession of faith. The removals exceed the admissions, in the whole Conference, by twenty. Some of the churches have been greatly blessed during the year, some have seemed to be growing in grace, if not in numbers, while a few, perhaps, have given but little evidence of spiritual vitality.

The church in Rutland reports a good degree of religious interest during the year, increasing in the winter. Thirty have been received on profession of faith, twenty-five of whom have joined the church since the first of January.—Pittsford also reports a cheering degree of religious interest since the Week of Prayer. Of eight additions reported, seven are heads of families. A plan of weekly contributions for home expenses and benevolent objects, on the envelope system, has been tried, and is proving eminently successful.—There has been unusual religious interest in Middletown during the winter, and successful effort to pay off the old debts and repair the church.—The church in Benson reports interest in meetings in the out-districts—also highly successful children's meetings.—From Brandon we hear of improvement in harmony and good feeling;—from Danby, of united feeling be-

tween the two churches ;—from Castleton, of several hopeful conversions.—The pulpit in Fair Haven, after long vacancy, is again supplied.—The report from Hubbardton speaks of depression on account of many removals. Six whole families, including deacons, chorister and Sabbath school superintendent, have gone recently, and the minister proposes to leave soon. Yet there is good heart and determination to maintain meetings, on the part of those who remain.—The church in Sudbury, though feeble, has evidence of the presence of God —Pulpits in Poultney, Pawlet, Clarendon and West Haven are vacant. That in Tinmouth is supplied by a Methodist.

We have thus completed our circuit of the State, and come round to the point from which we started. Before dropping the subject, I would call you attention to a few general facts which are brought out in the Church Reports, and sum up the results of our observations. Great changes have taken place, we notice first, in the ministry of our State during the year. Five ministers in active service, and three others who had formerly worked among us, have been removed, some of them very suddenly, by death. Twelve of our settled pastors have been dismissed, viz.: from Bakersfield, West Charleston, Burlington, Hydepark, Vergennes, Clarendon, Bradford, Cabot, West Brattleboro, Castleton, Windsor and Cambridgeport. The number of acting pastors who have changed their fields of labor, I have not attempted to count. On the other hand, only five have been installed, and two have been ordained without installation. There are now in the State fifty-eight settled pastors. The number has not been below sixty-eight for ten years past, until this year. Last year it was sixty-eight; the year before that, seventy ; then seventy-four, eighty, eighty-one, &c. There are now ninety-three acting pastors and four licentiates in charge of churches. Of our 198 churches, 140 are without settled pastors. Of these 140, thirty-eight are destitute. The total number of ministers reported in the State this year is 210—ten less than last year, (155 in charge.)

Looking now at the Churches, we find the number on the roll reduced, by the striking out of Eden, Chittenden and Halifax, to 198. We have received reports from all but fourteen of them. Of these fourteen, two have not reported anything for five years, viz.: Barnard and Warren, another for three years, and five others have told us no word for two years.

Our membership reported this year is 17,941, and adding to this 512, the number last reported by the fourteen other churches, we have a total of 18,453. It has not been a year of numerical growth certainly. All but three of the Conferences have lost more mem-

bers than they have gained during the year. Ten Conferences report a net loss of 133, and three report a net gain of 34, so that the net loss for the State is 99. There may be nothing necessarily startling or condemning in these figures ; nothing to prove that it has not been a year of hard work, of faith, and of real progress, and yet there is another aspect of the matter which it is a little harder for us to face without blushing deeply. It is that 106 of our churches, a good majority of them, with nearly 7000 members, have added not a single member by profession during the year. Ninety-two only of our churches have made any such additions.

Revivals of religion, of greater or less power, have been enjoyed at Middlebury, Orwell, New Haven, Johnson, Rutland, Pittsford, Townshend West, and Springfield. Houses of worship have been repaired at Stratton, Shoreham, Whiting, Morristown, West Charleston, Middletown, Waterbury, Duxbury, Wilmington, and Wardsboro.—Churches have been built at Queechee and North Bennington, and a branch church has been organized at Sherburne.

. Some of the churches report that they are making an effort to look up their absent members, which calls our attention to the fact that in each of the Conferences from one eighth to one-fourth of the members are absent ; the average proportion of absentees for the whole state being about one-fifth. In Washington and Franklin Conferences, the proportion is one-eighth. In Addison, Bennington, Lamoille, Orange and Windsor, it is one-sixth. In Chittenden, Rutland, Orleans, and Windham, one-fifth, and in Essex one-fourth. Would it not be well for us all to follow the example of those, who are making this large proportion of their members subjects of thought and care ?

One hundred and forty-one churches report contributions amounting to $41.807,—about $10.640 less than last year. The average congregations reported are 19.482. There are many churches which do not report this item, so that statistics are of little value.

The number of infant baptisms reported for the year for 198 churches, is 188. One hundred and twenty-eight churches report *none* at all. In seventy only, have infants been baptized; twelve of these churches, viz : Bennington, Dorset, St. Johnsbury 2d, and South, Newbury, Morristown, Brookfield 1st, Craftsbury, Castleton, Berlin, Worcester, and Springfield, report seventy-two, and these are some of them our smaller churches. Fifty-eight others report 113 instances. For twelve years past the average number of infant baptisms in our churches has been 240. Only once in that time has the number been below 223. This year it is 188.

OBITUARY NOTICES.

SINCE the last meeting of this Convention, eight ministers, five of whom were in active service in our State, (the remaining three had formerly labored among us.) have died.

Rev. DANIEL LADD was born at Unity, N. H., Jan. 22 1804, but removed when twelve years of age, to East Burke, Vt. He was graduated at Middlebury College in 1832, and at Andover in 1835. He became a Christian at Peacham Academy, and devoted himself from that time to the Missionary work. He was ordained at Essex, N. Y., June 12th, 1836. In the July following, he went, under the appointment of the A. B. C. F. M., first to Cyprus, where he continued five years, then to Broosa for nine years, then to Smyrna for fifteen years, and afterwards for several years to Constantinople,—in all thirty-two years. Returning to this country in feeble health, he supplied the church in East Burke one year, after which he resided in Middlebury until his death. His death was almost instantaneous, from diseased action of the heart, Oct. 10, 1872.

Mr. Ladd was characterized by great simplicity of purpose and a sincere and conscientious Christian conversation. As a missionary he was persevering and faithful, not discouraged by difficulties, and wise and discreet in counsels. His work was abundant and fruitful. The Bible was ever a much loved book with him, and the last moments of his life were spent in writing fresh notes of its study.

Rev. JOB HALL was graduated at Amherst College in 1830, and at Andover Seminary in 1833. He was ordained at Ashford, Conn., in 1834, where he continued to labor until 1837, when he was appointed Agent of the American Education Society. He held this office until 1840, when he went to Orwell, Vt., where he had for some time lived without charge. His death occurred during the past year.

Rev. ALONZO T. DEMING, who died in Glyndon, Minn., Aug 17, 1872. was formerly a loved and successful pastor in Vermont. He received his education at Middlebury College and at Andover Seminary. About a year since, he left Newbury for Minnesota, in the hope that his lungs might be benefited by the change of climate. He was a valuable man in the Red River Colony, in which he interested himself much. He was their first minister, and when the town of Glyndon established its first newspaper, he became senior editor. He had a warm hold on the hearts of the people, and his funeral gathered the largest audience ever assembled in town.

Rev. DANIEL H. BABCOCK was born in northern Ohio in 1811. He was graduated at Western Reserve College in 1836, and at Andover in 1839. He labored in the ministry at the following places: Eastham, West Yarmouth, Cohasset, Littleton, Manomet, South Franklin, Shirley, Berkley, and East Falmouth, Mass.; Salem and Harrisville, N. H.; and North Gray and West Townshend, Vt.

Mr. Babcock is spoken of as an earnest, amiable, pure-minded and kind-hearted man. He was charitable and unsuspicious. He possessed an ardent poetic taste and temperament, and some years since published a volume of poems. He died Jan. 14, 1873.

Rev. ROBERT SOUTHGATE was born in Portland, Me., Jan. 28, 1808. He was graduated at Bowdoin College in 1826, and studied theology at Andover and New Haven. For some years he labored in the ministry at Woodstock, Vt., afterwards at Wethersfield, Conn., Monroe, Mich., Ipswich, Mass., Hartford, Ct., Orford, N. H., and Hartford, Vt., of which church he was the beloved pastor at the time of his death. He was stricken down very suddenly by apoplexy at Woodstock, while on a visit with his son-in-law, February 6, 1873.

Mr. Southgate was a most devoted minister of Christ, earnest and ardent in his preaching, affectionate and gentle in his pastoral relations. A man of warm feelings himself, he had unusual power in appealing to the feelings of others. He is much lamented by all who knew him.

Rev. PHILANDER BATES was born in Southampton, Mass., in 1810. He was educated at Amherst College and Andover Seminary. Preaching first in Vermont, he was afterwards settled in Michigan and western New York; then in Cornish, N. H., where his ministry was blessed in doubling the membership of the church in a few years. For the last two years he has been acting pastor at Ludlow. He was suddenly struck with a fit of apoplexy on the evening of April 9th, and expired in less than an hour. Mr. Bates was esteemed as a sincere, humble and successful pastor, and had endeared himself to the circle of ministers by whom he was surrounded.

Rev. JOSHUA L. MAYNARD was born at Montville, Conn., Nov. 21, 1813. In early childhood he showed a spirit of faith and prayer. He studied with Rev. Dr. Bond, of Norwich, Ct., and at Union Theological Seminary. He was first settled at Cornwall, Ct., where he was ordained in January 1841. He remained there until June 1852. He was next settled at East Douglas, Mass., for about eleven years, where his ministry was blessed with revivals and large additions to the church. In the spring of 1863 he went to Plainfield, Ct., and from that place to Williston, Vt., in Nov., 1865, where he labored until the time of his death, taking charge also for the last two years of the Congregational church at Essex Junction. Mr. Maynard was a very laborious minister, and took a lively interest in all matters of public concern. As a pastor he was faithful and loved his work. His sermons were strong and vigorous, and his work successful. He died April 24, 1873.

Rev. DANIEL WILD was born in West Fairlee, Dec. 16th, 1801. He was early the subject of religious impressions, but did not decide to be a minister until the age of 21. He was graduated at the University of Vermont in 1827, studied theology with Judge Nikes and Rev. Joseph Tracy, and was licensed to preach by the Orange association. After preaching at West Fairlee, he received an invitation to Brookfield, and removed thither in 1829. He was ordained and installed pastor of that church July 1, 1830. A season of revivals followed in that and adjoining towns, and his labors were continuous and faithful. He continued pastor of that church until 1867, when he removed to Fairfield, where he labored until the time of his death. He was a minister of earnest activity, fidelity and wisdom. His sickness was one of intense suffering, yet while in the possession of his reason he was continually dwelling on the great themes of the gospel. He died May 14th, 1873.

ECCLESIASTICAL RECORD.

CHURCH ORGANIZED.

1873 ..... Sherburne.

CHURCHES DROPPED AS EXTINCT.

Eden ..... Chittenden ..... Halifax.

MINISTER ORDAINED WITHOUT INSTALLATION.

1872. July 31 ..... Walter H. Ayers ..... Wheeock.

MINISTERS ORDAINED AND INSTALLED.

1872. Sept. 25 ..... T. M. May ..... Williamstown.
1873. May 21 ..... K. C. Anderson ..... East Haven.

MINISTERS INSTALLED.

1872. Aug. 22 ..... Albert Watson ..... Albany
1872. Oct. 2 ..... R. S. Adams ..... Lyme.
1873. Feb. 5 ..... Stephen Knowlton ..... New Haven.
1873. April 9 ..... W. P. Aiken ..... Bridgeport.

LICENTIATES.

E. F. Wright. John F. Aiken. Ezra [illegible]
C. H. Rowley. M. H. Buckham. [illegible] Akers.

MINISTERS DISMISSED.

1872. May 14 ..... G. F. Wright ..... [illegible]
22 ..... A. C. Childs ..... [illegible]
Aug. 12 ..... E. H. Griffin ..... [illegible]
Sept. 11 ..... John G. Bailey ..... [illegible]
Sept. 25 ..... H. P. V. Boque ..... [illegible]
Oct. 14 ..... W. T. Berrick ..... [illegible]
Oct. 22 ..... J. K. Williams ..... [illegible]
Oct. 30 ..... S. F. Drew ..... [illegible]
Dec. 26 ..... J. Chandler ..... [illegible]
Dec. 3 ..... Lewis Francis ..... [illegible]
1873. May 15 ..... Silas P. Cook ..... [illegible]
May 26 ..... J. C. McCollum ..... [illegible]

MINISTERS DECEASED.

1872. Oct. 10 ..... Daniel Ladd ..... [illegible]
Aug. 17 ..... A. T. Dunning ..... [illegible]
Job Hall ..... [illegible]
1873. Jan. 14 ..... Daniel H. Bascom ..... [illegible]
Feb. 6 ..... Robert Huntington ..... [illegible]
April 9 ..... Philander Bates ..... [illegible]
April 26 ..... J. L. Maynard ..... [illegible]
May 14 ..... Daniel Wild ..... [illegible]

STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES.

THE STATISTICAL YEAR ENDS THE FIRST SABBATH IN MAY.

1. ADDISON CONFERENCE. Reported by HARVEY F. LEAVITT.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas.	ORDAINED,	Pres. Min Con'ced.	Church Memb'rs				Admitted.			Removed.				Bap'ms.		Sabbath Schools.	Average Congreg.	Benev'nt Contrib.	Estima'd Value of Church Property
						Male.	Fem.	Tot.	Abs.	Prof.	Lett.	Tot.	De'th	Dism	Excl.	Tot.	Ad'lt.	Inf'nt				
Addison	Nov. 24, 1801	Vacant.				2	2	4														$500
Bridport	June 30, 1790	W. W. Winchester,	P.	Mar. 23, 1851	1867	63	116	179	35	0	0	0	5	3	1	9	0	0	250	200	$250 00	12,000
Bristol	July 8, 1805	Vacant.				30	42	72	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		8,000
Cornwall	July 15, 1785	S. W. Magill,	P.	1836	1867	54	105	159	31	1	0	1	3	0	3	3	0	0	250	200	265 80	10,000
Ferrisburgh	Jan. 25, 1824	Vacant.				18	43	61	8	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	80	65		8,000
Middlebury	Sept. 5, 1790	E. P. Hooker,	P.	Nov. 13, 1861	1870	144	250	394	58	10	10	20	10	9	0	19	6	3	320	300	936 00	22,000
New Haven	Sept. 29, 1800	Stephen Knowlton,	P.	Nov 2, 1865	1872	84	159	234	34	10	1	11	1	0	0	1	4	0	225	250	44 00	14,000
Orwell		1789 M. L. Severance,	P.	Feb. 17, 1864	1869	76	173	249	34	11	5	16	5	3	0	8	8	3	216	150	186 46	14,000
Ripton	Nov. 6, 1828	Cephas H. Kent,	P.	Oct. 22, 1828	1861	27	35	62	25	0	2	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	40	40	80 42	3,500
Salisbury	Feb. 8, 1804	Lewis C. Partridge.	A. P.		1873	16	32	48	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	60	50 00	6,000
Shoreham	Mar. 26, 1794	Wm. N. Bacon,	P.	Dec. 28, 1859	1864	30	78	108	13	0	1	1	5	7	0	12	0	0	75	100	82 00	10,000
Vergennes	Sept. 17, 1793	Wm. D. Aiken,	P.	Jan. 14, 1857	1873	361	130	191	33	1	2	3	5	0	0	5	0	0	100	....	150 00	12,000
Weybridge	June 20, 1794	H. D. Kitchel, D.D.	A. P.	Feb. 10, 1839	1867	26	44	70	10	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	4	65	60	118 65	6,000
Whiting	Dec. 28, 1809	H. F. Rustedt,	A. P.	Feb. 3, 1844	1873	2	8	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	40	.....	.....
14		8 Pastors, 3 A. P.				633	1208	1841	305	33	21	54	37	23	1	61	18	10	1721	1465	$2,165 33	$121,000

Ministers without charge.—John Steele, Eben Smith, A. C. Barton, H. F. Leavitt, Middlebury ; Stillman Morgan, Bristol.

Ordained—William P. Aiken, Vergennes, April 9, 1873 ; S. Knowlton, New Haven, Feb. 5, 1873.

Deceased—Daniel Ladd, Middlebury, Oct. 11, 1872 ; formerly a Missionary.

Dismissed—H. P. V. Bogue, Vergennes.

Licentiates—Prof. Ezra Brainard, Jr., Prof Solon Albee, Middlebury.

Register of Conference—H. F. Leavitt, Middlebury.

Time of Meeting of Conference—The 2d Tuesday of June, at Vergennes.

2. BENNINGTON CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. P. S. PRATT.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min Com'ced.	Church Memb'rs. Male.	Fem.	Tot.	Abs.	Admitt'd. Prof.	Lett.	Tot.	Removed. De'th	Dism	Excl.	Tot.	Bap'ms. Ad'lt	Inf't	Sabbath Schools.	Average Congre'g.	Benev'nt Contrib.	Estima'd Value of Church Property
Arlington East....	Nov. 2, 1843	J. F. Donaldson,	A. P.	Licentiate,	1872	11	32	43	....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	45	50	$20 00	$5,000
Bennington 1st....	Dec. 3, 1762	Isaac Jennings,	P.	June 14, 1843	1853	46	128	174	50	2	1	3	4	4	0	8	1	2	160	....	528 64	25,000
Bennington 2d....	April 27, 1836	C. B. Hulburd,	P.	Oct. 20, 1859	1872	50	125	175	97	6	8	14	2	2	3	7	3	1	218	300	787 76	15,000
Bennington North	May 21, 1868	Henry C. Weston,	P.	Oct. 13, 1869	1869	13	27	40	7	1	4	5	1	2	0	3	0	0	96	130	96 96	.....
Dorset	Sept. 22, 1784	Parsons S. Pratt,	P.	Sept. 29, 1847	1856	34	74	108	15	0	0	0	4	3	0	7	0	0	142	150	240 76	7,000
Dorset East.....	Oct. 1, 1867	C. H. Dunton, (meth)	A. P.	.....	1872	2	5	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	50	95 00	.....
Manchester.....	1784	R. S. Cushman, D.D.	P.	Dec., 1843	1852	70	110	180	18	2	10	12	3	5	1	9	2	0	194	250	804 68	25,000
Peru.....	Dec. 23, 1807	Asa F. Clark,	A. P.	Feb. 15, 1842	1868	56	67	123	18	0	0	0	2	2	0	4	0	1	250	150	88 61	5,000
Pownal	May 21, 1851	J. L. Cook, (meth.)	A. P.	.....	1868	7	19	26	16	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	75	70	.....	2,000
Rupert.....	June 6, 1780	Daniel Goodhue,	A. P.	May 2, 1848	1870	18	50	68	9	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	....	....	.....	5,000
Sandgate.....	1782	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	4	8	12	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	....	....	.....	800
11		5 Pastors, 5 A. P.				311	648	956	157	11	23	34	23	20	1	49	6	17	1219	1150	$1,979 93	$91,300

Ministers without charge—Chauncey H. Hubbard, Bennington; James Anderson, J. D. Wickham, D. D., Manchester; Josiah W. Brown, Charlton City, Mass.; Lewis A. Austin, Meriden, N. H.

Register of Conference Rev. P. S. Pratt.

Time of Meeting of Conference Second Tuesday of June.

3. CALEDONIA CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. P. B. Fisk.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors of Act. Pas.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min. Connect'd.	Church Memb'rs				Admitt'd.			Removed.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath Schools.	Average Congreg.	Benev'nt Contrib.	Estima'd Value of Church Property
						Male.	Fem.	Tot.	Abs.	Prof.	Lett.	Tot.	De'th	Dism	Excl.	Tot.	Ad'lt.	Inf't				
Barnet	Sept. 14, 1858					27	74	101	19	0	1	1	5	2	0	7	0	2	150	125	$120 00	$6,000
McIndoes Falls	Oct. 21, 1829	Josiah L. Litch,	A. P.		1873	17	77	94	18	2	2	4	2	1	0	3	1	8	105	130		5,000
Burke	March 1, 1807	Vacant.				18	31	49	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	75		3,000
Cabot	Oct. 25, 1801	B. S. Adams,	P.	Nov. 22, 1871	1871	48	90	138	28	4	2	6	2	2	0	4	3	1	90	175	105 57	5,000
Danville	August, 1792	C. W. Thompson,	P.	July 1, 1869	1869	39	68	107	31	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	120	100	138 00	6,000
Hardwick	July 29, 1803	Joseph Torrey,	P.	Mar. 30, 1860	1860	55	101	156	24	0	2	2	5	0	0	5	0	0	150	100	202 00	5,300
Lyndon	Nov. 30, 1817	J. S. Whitman,	A. P.	Sept. 4, 1861	1871	18	64	82	39	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	84	110	28 30	2,700
Lyndonville	Dec. 6, 1870	P. B. Fisk,	A. P.	Oct. 1, 1863	1870	35	56	91	4	5	5	10	2	4	0	6	4	2	243	175		9,500
Peacham	April 14, 1794	M. S. Dudley,	A. P.	Sept. 28, 1871	1870	59	147	206	27	4	1	5	13	3	0	16	2	1	121	250	629 92	10,000
St. Johnsbury 1st	Nov. 21, 1829	E. T. Fairbanks,	P.	Jan. 1, 1868	1867	20	54	74	12	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	90	85	30 00	5,000
St. Johnsbury 2d	April 7, 1825	C. M. Southgate	P.			93	190	283	60	15	6	21	5	3	0	8	3	5	300	275	3,465 36	15,000
St. Johnsbury 3d	Nov. 25, 1840	J. P. Humphrey,	P.	Feb. 3, 1847	1868	54	68	122	38	0	0	0	4	7	0	11	0	2	148	120	205 75	6,000
St. Johnsbury 4th	October, 1851	L. O. Brastow,	P.	Jan. 9, 1861	1861	74	148	222	44	7	8	15	9	6	0	15	5	7	287	271	936 75	15,000
Waterford	1798	M. H. Wells,	P.	1845	1871	46	62	108	48	2	0	2	1	5	0	6	1	1	150	....	135 00	5,600
14		8 Pastors, 5 A. P.				603	1230	1833	400	39	27	66	54	33	0	87	19	24	2068	1971	$12,046 59	$99,100

Ministers without charge—W. W. Thayer, H. Fairbanks, H. T. Fuller, St. Johnsbury ; —— Lawrence, St. Johnsbury Center ; Joseph Underwood, E. Hardwick.

Installed—B. S. Adams, Cabot, Oct. 30, 1872.

Deceased—Lyman S. Watts, Peacham, June 4, 1872.

Register of Conference—Rev. Chas. M. Southgate.

Time of Meeting of Conference—Second Tuesday in June.

4. CHITTENDEN CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. C. C. TORREY.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min Com'ced.	Church Members				Admitted			Removed.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath Schools.	Average Congreg.	Benev'nt Contrib.	Estima'd Value of Church Property
						Male.	Fem.	Tot.	Abs.	Prof.	Lett.	Tot.	De'th	Dism	Excl.	Tot.	Ad'lt.	Infa't				
Burlington 1st.....	Feb. 21, 1805	Prof. G. N. Webber,	A. P.	.....	....	119	222	341	98	9	7	16	1	10	0	11	1	4	234	350	$1,108 53	$65,000
Burlington 3d.....	Nov. 4. 1860	Geo. B. Safford,	P.	Sept. 2, 1858	1860	35	77	112	20	2	10	12	2	3	0	5	1	1	102	240	284 47	50,000
Charlotte.....	Jan. 3, 1792	C. C. Torrey,	P.	Sept. 5,	1855	1871	43	77	120	5	0	1	1	2	1	0	3	0	2	116	150	220 00	18,000
Colchester	1804	C. M. Seaton,	A. P.		1832	1869	9	52	61	11	6	2	8	2	2	0	4	5	0	64	60	32 00	4,000
Essex	Oct. 3, 1791	Edward P. Stone,	A. P.	Oct. 14,	1861	1871	31	60	91	16	2	1	3	4	2	0	6	1	0	75	75	501 00	.....
Essex Junction....	June 29, 1869	J. L. Maynard,	A. P.	.....		1871	15	23	38	11	1	6	7	0	1	0	1	1	0	140	125	.....	10,000
Hinesburgh	May 20, 1789	Clark E. Ferrin,	P.	Dec. 10,	1851	1851	34	66	100	45	1	1	2	8	0	0	8	1	1	70	67	30 00	5,000
Jericho 1st.....	Nov. 31, 1791	Austin Hazen,	A. P.	Mar. 29,	1860	1864	29	51	80	16	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	1	185	100	170 00	4,500
Jericho Corners ..	Aug. 31, 1836	No report.	.....	.....	....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....
Milton.....	Sept. 21, 1804	John H. Woodward,	A. P.	.....		1870	23	40	63	4	3	1	4	3	1	0	4	2	0	120	80	80 00	15,000
Milton West	Feb. 28, 1853	John H. Woodward,	A. P.	.....		....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....
Richmond.....	Sept. 21, 1801	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....
South Hero.....	1795	O. G. Wheeler,	P.	Nov. 5,	1840	1840	24	54	78	12	5	0	5	2	0	0	2	4	1	....	100	.....	3,000
Underhill.....	Dec. 27. 1801	Edward P. Stone,	A. P.	Oct. 14,	1861	1871	30	47	77	16	3	0	3	1	1	0	2	1	1	104	75	59 00	2,000
Underhill North..	Dec. 19, 1839	Vacant	.....	.....	....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....
Westford.....	Aug. 7, 1801	George P. Byington,	A. P.	Mar. 11,	1868	1870	25	58	83	18	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	165	130	115 25	9,000
Williston.....	Jan. 23, 1813	Joshua L. Maynard,	P.	.....	....	....	23	58	81	12	0	1	1	2	5	0	7	0	0	50	75	140 00	.....
Winooski..	Nov. 9, 1836	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	1836	13	47	60	5	5	3	8	3	5	0	8	5	2	98	....	.....	15,000
18		5 Pastors, 6 A. P.					453	932	1385	289	39	33	72	31	32	0	63	24	13	1523	1627	$2,289 25	$200,500

Ministers without charge—James Buckham, John K. Converse, John E. Goodrich, Henry P. Hickok, James C. Houghton, C. Spencer Marsh, H. A. P. Torrey, Andrew J. Willard, John H. Worcester, D. D., Burlington; Eben. C. Birge, Sam'l. Marsh, Underhill; J. C. Wilder, Charlotte; Archibald Fleming, Constable, N. Y.; Moses P. Parmalee, Missionary to Turkey.

Ordained—Walter H. Ayers, Winooski, July 16, 1872.

Dismissed—E. H. Griffin, Aug. 12, 1872.

Register of Conference—Rev. Geo. B. Safford.

Deceased—J. L. Maynard, Williston, April 24, 1873.

Licentiates—M. H. Buckham, Burlington.

Time of meeting of Conference—Second Tuesday in June.

5. ESSEX CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. SAMUEL R. HALL.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min. Com'ced.	Church Memb'rs.				Admitted			Removed.				Bap'ms.		Sabbath Schools.	Average Congreg.	Benev'nt Contrib.	Estima'd Value of Church Property
						Male.	Fem.	Tot.	Abs.	Prof.	Lett.	Tot.	De'th	Dism	Excl.	Tot.	Ad'lt.	Inf's				
Granby & Victory	Jan. 8, 1825	S. R. Hall,	A. P.	March 8, 1823	1872	18	26	44	9	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	65	45	$50 00	$850
Guildhall.....	April 1, 1799	J. H. Thyng,	A. P.	Oct. 26, 1852	1872	18	39	57	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	60	.....	2,500
Lunenburgh.....	Dec. 27, 1802	L. W. Harris,	A. P.	March, 1842	1870	38	61	99	26	2	0	2	3	2	0	5	0	0	70	100	.....	2,000
3		3 A. P.				74	126	200	57	3	0	3	3	2	0	5	0	0	175	205	$50 00	$5,350

Minister without charge—Jeremiah Glines, Lunenburgh.
Register of Conference—Rev. H. V. Emmons, Lancaster, N. H.
Time of meeting of Conference—Second Tuesday of June.

6. FRANKLIN AND GRAND ISLE CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. ALFRED B. SWIFT.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min Con'ted.	Church Memb'rs.				Admitted			Removed.				Bap'tms.		Sabbath Schools.	Average Congreg.	Benev'nt Contrib.	Estima'd Value of Church Property
						Male.	Fem.	Tot.	Abs	Prof.	Left.	Tot.	De'th	Dism	Excl.	Tot.	Ad'lt.	Infa't				
Alburgh	Feb. 18, 1824	C. B. Cady,	A. P.	1838	1851	15	46	61	6	3	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	1	80	100	$114 00	$3,000
Bakersfield	July 3, 1811	Richard Hicks,	A. P.	June 7, 1867	1872	37	76	113	....	3	2	5	1	4	1	6	2	2	120	100	20 00	7,000
East Berkshire	July 15, 1822	Elias W. Hatch,	P.	Sept. 25, 1866	1866	21	32	53	5	2	...	2	...	1	...	1	1	1	100	70	35 25	4,000
Enosburgh	Oct. 11, 1811	Alfred B. Swift,	A. P.	Jan. 7, 1855	1861	60	76	136	22	...	1	1	3	3	1	7	....	4	145	100	225 15	10,000
Fairfield	Sept. 22, 1810	Daniel Wild,	A. P.	July 1, 1830	1867	11	19	30	3	2	...	2	1	...	...	1	....	....	37	40	115 00	2,000
Franklin	Oct. 9, 1806	Joseph R. Munsell,	A. P.	.....	1868	10	22	32	....	...	...	...	2	...	...	2	....	1	56	75	60 00	4,000
Georgia	Nov. 7, 1793	John F. Aiken,	A. P.	Licentiate.	1873	25	45	70	22	2	1	3	1	2	...	3	....	3	50	65	80 10	4,000
Highgate	Oct. 28, 1811	James P. Stone,	A. P.	Oct. 16, 1839	1872	14	38	52	....	...	...	...	2	7	...	9	....	....	95	80	40 00	5,000
Montgomery	July 15, 1817	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	18	28	46	9	0	2	2	1	...	...	1	....	....	85	48	4 00	.....
Sheldon	August, 1816	C. H. Rowley,	A. P.	Licentiate.	1872	18	24	42	13	...	2	2	1	2	...	3	....	....	76	75	62 36	3,000
St. Albans 1st	Jan. 2, 1803	Chas. Van Norden,	A. P.	Dec. 19, 1866	1873	112	189	301	24	5	7	12	4	5	0	9	1	2	246	400	2,075 33	30,000
St. Albans 2d	May 26, 1841	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Swanton	Jan. 4, 1800	E. J. Ranslow,	A. P.	June, 1869	1869	41	94	135	24	7	3	10	4	6	...	10	5	3	175	150	250 00	16,000
13		1 Pastor, 10 A. P.				382	689	1071	128	24	18	42	20	30	2	52	9	17	1265	1103	$3,081 19	$88,000

Ministers without charge—L. S. French, Franklin ; A. J. Samson, St. Albans ; Sewall Paine, Montgomery.

Deceased—Daniel Wild, May 13, 1873, aged 81. *Dismissed*—Geo. F. Wright.

Licentiates—C. H. Rowley, John F. Aiken. *Register of Conference*—E. J. Ranslow.

Time of meeting of Conference—First Tuesday in June.

7. LAMOILLE CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. B. F. PERKINS.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min Com'ced.	Church Memb'rs. Male.	Fem.	Tot.	Abs.	Admitted Prof.	Lett.	Tot.	Removed. De'th	Dism	Excl.	Tot.	Bap'ms. Ad'lt.	Infa't	Sabbath Schools.	Average Congreg.	Benev'nt Contrib.	Estima'd Value of Church Property
Cambridge	Feb. 18, 1792	Edwin Wheelock,	P	Jan. 23, 1856	1855	18	27	45	....	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	60	45	$125 00	$3,500
Hydepark	Mar. 5, 1869	Vacant.	.....	... .	....	6	16	22	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	100	35 00	283
Hydepark North	Sept. 9, 1838	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	9	23	32	17	0	0	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Johnson	Sept. 22, 1817	G. S. French,	P.	Nov. 8, 1871	1871	43	87	130	25	17	1	18	1	0	0	1	11	0	148	150	133 77	4,000
Morristown	October, 1807	Vitellus M. Hardy,	P.	Jan. 31, 1872	1870	32	64	96	8	2	...	2	1	0	0	1	2	5	151	152	38 00	4,000
Waterville	Nov. 7, 1823	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	6	18	24	....	...	...	...	2	...	...	2	....	....	50	100	...	...
Wolcott	Oct. 28, 1818	Horace Herrick,	A. P.	Sept. 18, 1844	1860	14	34	48	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	....	0	53	70	16 50	3,000
Stowe	Nov. 21, 1818	Benj. F. Perkins,	A. P.	Nov. 22, 1865	1870	50	68	98	51	0	2	2	0	2	0	2	0	0	145	109	211 84	4,000
8		3 Pastors, 2 A. P.				158	347	495	100	19	3	22	4	3	0	7	13	5	657	726	$560 11	$18,783

Ministers without charge—James Dougherty, D. D., Johnson. *Dismissed*—J. G. Bailey, Hydepark.

Register of Conference—James Dougherty, D. D. *Time of meeting of Conference*—First Tuesday in June.

8. ORANGE CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. J. K. WILLIAMS.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min Com'ced.	Church Memb'rs				Admitted.			Removed.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath Schools.	Average Congreg.	Benev'nt Contrib.	Estima'd Value of Church Property
						Male.	Fem.	Tot.	Abs.	Prof.	Lett.	Tot.	De'th	Dism	Excl.	Tot.	Ad'lt.	Infa't				
Bradford	June 29, 1819	L. H. Elliot,	A. P.	May 2, 1866	1873	39	127	166	35	0	4	4	8	12	0	20	0	0	140	140	$256 50	$6,000
Braintree	Dec. 25, 1794	.....	A. P.	Sept. 23, 1807	1806	16	28	44	15	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	40	75	19 00	1,675
Braintree East	Oct. 24, 1871	Henry C. Howard,	A. P.	Licentiate.	1872	19	39	58	6	13	0	13	1	0	0	1	13	0	75	150	0 00	000
Brookfield 1st	Sept. 23, 1785	G. B. Tolman,	A. P.	July 10, 1862	1871	33	55	88	4	5	3	8	3	1	0	4	2	8	117	90	65 18	3,000
Brookfield 2d	Nov. 16, 1848	Wm. A. Bushee,	P.	Aug. 19, 1869	1868	37	60	97	9	11	7	18	4	0	0	4	11	2	125	100	92 49	3,500
Chelsea	April 10, 1789	E. E. Herrick,	P.	Feb. 29, 1864	1870	63	111	174	14	0	0	6	4	6	0	10	0	1	155	170	823 00	8,000
Corinth	Oct. 10, 1820	C. M. Winch,	A. P.	1853	1869	35	74	109	35	0	5	6	5	3	0	8	0	0	....	150	20 00	3,000
Fairlee	Feb. 28, 1843	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	15	32	47	9	0	0	0	2	2	0	4	0	2	....	....	.....	.....
Fairlee West	Dec. 6, 1809	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	29	40	69	....	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	....	75	36 00	1,400
Newbury	1764	S. L. Bates,	P.	Mar. 23, 1804	1871	36	116	152	26	5	5	10	1	5	0	6	3	6	173	200	701 25	8,000
Newbury West	Feb'y, 1867	R. Dexter Miller,	A. P.	July, 1856	1870	13	29	42	1	0	0	0	3	0	2	5	0	0	120	75	.....	600
Post Mills	Feb. 26, 1839	Jas. Caldwell, D. D.	A. P.	.....	1873	25	54	79	16	0	1	1	1	4	0	5	0	0	50	....	.....	.....
Randolph	May 30, 1786	H. J. Colwell,	A. P.	1853	1873	38	63	101	20	1	0	1	2	0	0	2	1	1	50	110	.....	4,500
Randolph West	Oct. 21, 1831	Samuel W. Dike,	P.	Feb. 3, 1869	1868	55	108	163	50	1	3	4	1	2	0	3	1	2	1 6	130	162 81	12,000
Strafford	Nov., 1820	Samuel Delano,	A. P.	1829	1856	10	15	25	....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	....	40	30 00	.....
Thetford	1773	Richard T. Searl,	P.	May 8, 1845	1868	70	127	197	35	0	0	0	4	3	0	7	0	0	160	160	440 85	6,000
Tunbridge	Feb. 5, 1792	.....	.....	.....	....	18	31	49	11	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	....	74	75	.....	3,500
Vershire	July 14, 1787	.....	.....	.....	....	15	33	48	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	...	...	...	...	.....	.....
Wells River	June 13, 1812	Wm. S. Palmer,	P.	Feb. 19, 1862	1862	51	128	179	25	8	6	14	3	4	0	7	6	3	220	200	300 00	8,000
Williamstown	Aug. 13, 1795	T. M. May,	A. P.	Sept. 25, 1872	1872	18	57	75	20	6	1	7	3	2	0	5	4	0	85	125	20 00	.....
20		6 Pastors, 10 A. P.				635	1327	1962	340	51	37	88	47	42	2	91	50	25	1740	2065	$2,965 13	$69,175

Ministers without charge—Joseph Marsh, Thetford; Joseph Fuller, Vershire; Silas McKeen, D. D., Bradford.

Dismissed—J. K. Williams, Oct. 22. *Register of Conference*—W. S. Palmer.

Time of meeting of Conference—First Tuesday in June.

9. ORLEANS CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. Abel W. Wild.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min. Com'ced.	Church Members				Admitted			Removed			Baptized		Sabbath Schools		Benev'ol Contrib.	Estim'd Value of Church Property
						Male.	Fem.	Tot.	Abs.	Prof.	Lett.	Tot.	Dea'th	Dism.	Excl.	Tot.	Adults	Infts	Schools	Scholars		
Albany	Aug. 16, 1818	Albert Watson,	P.	June 27, 1871	1872	19	26	45	6	0	3	3	2	0	0	2	0	0	70	100	$20 00	$5,500
Barton	Sept. 24, 1817	S. V. McDuffee,	A. P.	May 25, 1860	1871	29	66	95	32	5	2	7	2	0	0	2	5	0	130	100	164 03	5,500
Brighton	Oct. 5, 1841	—— Wheelock,	A. P.	.....	....	8	14	22	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	.....
Brownington	Mar. 4, 1809	F. Countryman,	.....	Licentiate.	....	22	44	66	11	0	2	2	4	0	0	4	0	0	50	70	00 00	1,500
Charleston West	May 14, 1844	Wm. T. Herrick,	A. P.	May 28, 1851	1872	21	49	70	15	0	3	3	2	0	0	2	0	0	120	100	170 76	4,000
Coventry	Oct. 2, 1810	F. W. Dickinson,	A. P.	June 17, 1868	1870	47	100	147	17	3	3	6	2	0	0	2	0	0	200	160	272 44	6,000
Craftsbury	July 4, 1797	Edward P. Wild,	P.	Oct. 11, 1865	1865	50	95	145	14	5	0	5	5	5	0	10	1	1	155	175	100 65	4,500
Derby	Aug. 9, 1807	Vacant.	.....	.....	...	31	61	92	14	0	0	0	2	1	0	3	1	1	110	125	.....	3,000
Glover	July 12, 1817	Sidney K. B. Perkins	P.	Jan. 11, 1860	1858	24	52	76	14	2	1	3	1	2	0	3	1	1	158	110	40 00	2,750
Greensboro	Nov. 24, 1804	Azel W. Wild,	P.	Oct. 26, 1864	1864	32	57	89	21	2	0	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	140	102	108 71	2,000
Holland	Nov. 30, 1842	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	2	11	13	8	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	..	..	.....	1,000
Irasburgh	Jan. 28, 1818	Azro A. Smith,	A. P.	Feb. 11, 1864	1870	22	32	54	8	0	4	4	1	5	0	6	0	0	150	125	50 11	3,000
Lowell	Jan. 10, 1816	Frederic R. Phelps,	P.	Oct. 18, 1870	1870	21	32	53	10	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	110	78	.....	3,000
Morgan	June 4, 1823	Jacob S. Clark,	P.	Jan. 11, 1857	1856	6	17	23	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	57	..	.....	500
Newport	Feb. 25, 1831	W. C. Somerville,	A. P.	October, 1851	1871	34	57	91	23	0	3	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	60	140	60 00	3,000
Troy	Jan. 24, 1845	David Connell,	A. P.	October, 1842	1872	4	8	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	50	5 00	1,200
Troy North	Feb. 5, 1818	Timothy E. Ranney,	A. P.	May 1, 1844	1872	17	36	53	15	0	3	3	0	2	0	2	0	0	80	76	13 00	4,000
Westfield	April 19, 1818	David Connell,	A. P.	October, 1842	1872	18	33	51	17	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	75	70	10 00	1,000
18		6 Pastors, 8 A. P.				407	790	1197	222	18	21	39	27	36	2	65	10	13	1763	1559	$1,149 17	$60,000

Ministers without charge—R. V. Hall, Newport; Jabez T. Howard, West Charleston; Geo. Stone, North Troy.

Installed—Albert Watson, Albany, Aug. 22, 1872.

Dismissed—A. C. Childs, from Church in West Charleston, May 22, 1872.

Register of Conference—Rev. Edward P. Wild. *Time of meeting of Conference*—Second Tuesday in June.

10. RUTLAND CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. P. S. PRATT.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min Connect.	Church Memb'rs				Admitted.			Removed.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath Schools.	Average Congreg.	Benev'nt Contrib.	Estimat'd Value of Church Property
						Male.	Fem.	Tot.	Abs.	Prof.	Let.	Tot.	De'th	Dism	Excl.	Tot.	Adlt.	Infnt.				
Benson	1790	Henry M. Holmes,	P.	May 10, 1866	1869	58	104	162	30	4	1	5	4	3	0	7	2	1	140	150	.....	$20,000
Brandon	Sept. 23, 1785	Franklin Tuxbury,	P.	July 15, 1857	1865	69	145	214	40	0	1	1	8	1	0	9	0	1	153	175	$166 44	20,000
Castleton	1784	Walter H. Ayers,	A. P.	July 16, 1872	1873	56	97	153	44	0	3	3	8	3	0	11	0	6	173	200	852 00	10,000
Clarendon	Feb. 18, 1822	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	28	46	74	14	0	0	0	1	3	0	4	0	0	100	80	150 00	5,400
Derby	Nov. 4, 1869	E. F. Wright,	.....	Licentiate.	1872	7	18	25	5	3	4	7	0	2	0	2	2	1	60	65	10 00	.....
Fair Haven	Jan. 2, 1806	K. C. Anderson,	A. P.	May 21, 1873	1873	34	45	79	3	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	100	175	50 00	5,000
Hubbardton	1782	Calvin Granger,	A. P.	Aug. 6, 1834	1864	19	34	53	18	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	40 00	4,000
Middletown	1780	O. Myrick,	A. P.	.....	1846	13	36	49	9	1	0	1	1	4	0	5	1	0	141	100	5 00	7,500
Pawlet	Aug. 8, 1781	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	24	68	92	15	5	2	7	2	5	0	7	4	0	130	150	60 87	7,500
Pittsford	1784	Russell T. Hall,	P.	Sept. 8, 1870	1870	78	125	203	32	8	6	14	4	3	0	7	4	1	200	210	200 00	15,000
Poultney	1789	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	31	62	93	18	0	0	0	4	12	0	16	0	0	80	....	.....	5,000
Rutland	Oct. 5, 1788	Jas. Gibson Johnson,	P.	Dec. 27, 1866	1870	136	306	442	104	30	3	33	4	7	0	16	12	4	350	450	1,352 75	40,000
Rutland West	Oct. 13, 1773	J. K. Williams,	A. P.	Nov. 26, 1866	1872	76	122	198	20	3	3	6	3	3	0	6	1	0	200	200	200 00	18,000
Sudbury	1791	Henry F. Rustedt,	A. P.	Feb. 3, 1841	1857	11	24	35	8	0	1	1	0	3	0	3	0	0	80	50	40 00	3,000
Tinmouth	1780	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	8	14	22	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	5	0	0	....	....	.....	5,000
Wallingford	1792	Aldace Walker, D.D.	P.	Dec. 30, 1840	1862	33	80	113	18	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	125	136	425 00	6,000
West Haven	1817	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....
17		5 Pastors, 6 A. P.				681	1310	1997	378	54	24	78	43	55	0	98	27	14	1928	2141	$3,228 00	$171,000

Ministers without charge—Harvey O. Higley, Ulric Maynard, R. G. Williams, Castleton; Stephen Williams, Clarendon; Lucius L. Tilden, Washington, D. C.

Dismissed—Wm. T. Herrick, Clarendon, Oct. 14, 1872; Lewis Francis, Dec. 3, 1872.

Licentiate—E. F. Wright.

Register of Conference—Rev. R. T. Hall.

Time of meeting of Conference—First Tuesday of June.

11. WASHINGTON CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. WM. S. HAZEN.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min Com'ced.	Church Memb'rs. Male.	Fem.	Tot.	Abs.	Admitted. Prof.	Lett.	Tot.	Removed. De'th	Dism	Excl.	Tot.	Bapt'ms Ad'lt	Infa't	Sabbath Schools.	Average Congreg.	Benev'nt Contrib.	Estima'd Value of Church Property
Barre	Nov. 14, 1799	Leonard Tenney,	A. P.	Mar. 19, 1845	1868	54	116	170	46	4	0	4	4	2	0	6	3	3	200	160	$120 85	$10,000
Berlin	Oct. 17, 1798	Edwin Seabury,	A. P.	June, 1840	1870	21	42	63	32	3	0	3	3	2	0	5	2	4	140	85	82 00	4,000
Berlin West	Feb. 16, 1845	John F. Stone,	A. P.	Jan. 21, 1829	1864	7	12	19	0	3	0	3	0	1	0	1	2	0	80	55	.....	.....
Duxbury	Jan. 18, 1836	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	9	13	22	10	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	67	90	.....	.....
Marshfield	May 18, 1826	Nelson F. Cobleigh,	P.	Aug. 16, 1871	1870	15	20	35	3	2	0	2	2	0	0	2	0	0	80	62	30 75	2,600
Montpelier	July 20, 1808	Wm. H. Lord, D. D.	P.	Sept. 21, 1847	1847	158	284	442	....	5	4	9	4	3	0	7	1	2	325	400	650 00	70,000
Northfield	May 27, 1822	Wm. S. Hazen,	P.	Oct. 12, 1864	1863	35	67	102	3	2	3	5	1	2	0	3	1	3	155	126	184 64	7,000
Plainfield	Nov. 12, 1799	Chas. Redfield,	A. P.	.....	1873	11	24	35	10	0	0	0	3	1	0	4	0	0	....	....	.....	4,000
Roxbury	March, 1864	Alden Ladd,	P.	Feb. 15, 1865	1863	19	38	57	10	4	0	4	2	1	0	3	2	0	81	65	42 50	4,100
Waitsfield	June 27, 1796	James H. Babbitt,	P.	Sept. 10, 1868	1868	48	95	143	26	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	145	89	208 02	8,000
Warren		Vacant.	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....
Waterbury	July 10, 1801	Jonathan Copeland,	A. P.	Nov. 14, 1843	1867	47	103	150	18	0	0	0	2	4	0	6	0	1	90	....	87 75	6,500
Worcester	Feb. 28, 1824	Mason Moore,	A. P.	Dec. 3, 1867	1872	12	32	44	10	0	2	2	1	0	0	1	0	4	75	50	10 00	1,200
13		5 Pastors, 6 A. P.				436	846	1282	168	26	9	35	23	16	0	39	11	18	1438	1182	$1,416 51	$117 400

Ministers without charge—Chas. S. Smith, Sec'y Vt. D. M. S., Montpelier ; Horace Pratt, Northfield.

Register of Conference—Rev. J. H. Babbitt, Waitsfield. *Time of meeting of Conference*—Second Tuesday in June.

12. WINDHAM CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. CYRUS HAMLIN.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min Connect'd.	Church Memb'rs. Male.	Fem.	Tot.	Abs.	Admitted. Prof.	Let.	Tot.	Removed. Death	D'rs.	Excl.	Tot.	Bapt'ms Adult.	Infant.	Sab. Sch.	Average Attend.	Benev'nt Contrib.	Estima'd Value of Church Property
Bellows Falls.....	Aug. 9,	1850 Cyrus Hamlin,	P.	Oct. 20,	1808	1808	24	37	61	16	1	—	1	2	—	—	—	0	0	112	100	$900 00	$40,000
Brattleboro West.		1770 Charles H. Merrill,	A. P.			1870	1873	47	90	137	44	—	—	—	—	—	—	0	0	140	100	940 00	8,000
Brattleboro East..	July 15,	1816 Nathaniel Mighill,	P.	Sept. 24,	1801	1867	98	197	295	44	—	—	—	10	—	8	—	0	0	140	100	1,044 [illegible]	30,000
Cambridgeport ...	April 16,	1868 Julius C. McCollom,	P.	March 23,	1820	1869	19	23	42	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0	0	80	100	800 00	9,000
Dover	Jan. 3,	1872 O. C. Dickerson,	A. P.			1870	9	16	25	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0	0	70	100	10 00	[illegible]
Dover West.....	Jan. 17,	1869 S. H. Amsden,	A. P.	.....		1870	0	12	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	80	100	80 00	2,000
Dummerston.....	Aug. 17,	1779 L. G. Chase,	P.	Aug 26,	1870	1870	80	84	164	80	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0	0	80	100	80 00	4,000
Fayetteville	June 30,	1774 Jas. M. H. Dow,	A. P.			1844	55	97	152	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	100	[illegible]	4,000
Grafton	June 20,	1785 Earl J. Ward,	P.	March 11	[illegible]	1867	41	[illegible]	90	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0	0	[illegible]	100	[illegible]	[illegible]
Guilford		1708 O. C. Dickerson,	A. P.	March 18,	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Jamaica	Sept.,	1791 Charles Burnham,	A. P.	Nov.	1841	1864	11	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Londonderry So...	.....	.....	.....	.....																		
Londonderry No..	Aug. 19,	1808	.....	.....																		
Marlboro	Oct. 20,	17[illegible]	.....	.....																		
Putney	Oct. 16,	17[illegible]	John Cloffin,	A																		
Saxton's River....	Jan. 1,	18[illegible]	Joseph Chandler,	A		Apr 66																
Stratton.....		1801	A. B. Emmons,	A																		
Townshend East..	Sept. 7,	1792	F. W. Olmstead,	A		July,																
Townshend West..		1850	Joseph H. Baldwin,	A																		
Wardsboro South.	.....	.....	R. D. Metcalf,																			
Westminster East	June 11,	1797	.....	.....																		
Westminster W....	Oct. 31,	1799	Alfred Stevens,	P.		Feb 24																
Wilmington	July 4,	18[illegible]	A. C. Field,	A	P.	June 24																
Windham.....	Sept. b,	1800	Calvin Chapman,	A		Dec 8																
24			a Pastors 10 A. P.																			

Ministers without charge Lewis Grout, Agent American Missionary Association Amos Foster Putney Joseph H. Chandler, Dummerston

Deceased Daniel H. Babcock, West Dummerston

Dismissed Joseph Chandler, West Brattleboro, Dec 4th, J. C. McCollom May 4th

Register of Conference Rev. Cyrus Hamlin *Time of meeting of Conference* First Wednesday in [illegible] Annual County S. S. Convention in June

13. WINDSOR CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. Wm. Sewall.

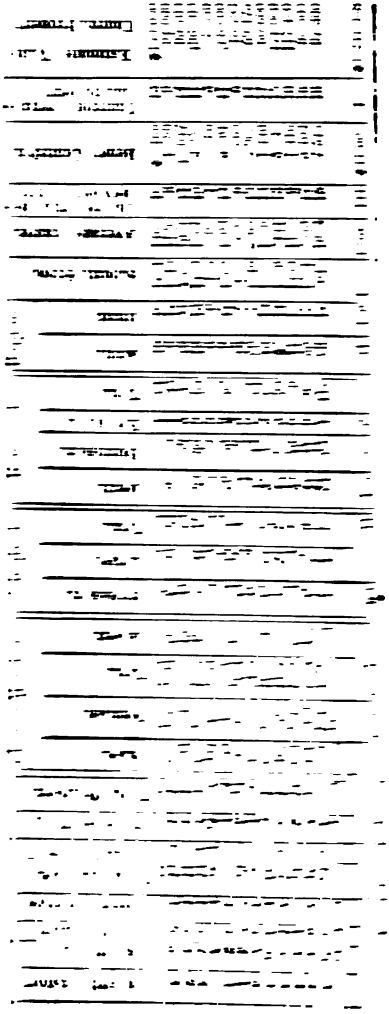
CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min Connec'd.	Church Memb'rs. Male.	Fem.	Tot.	Abs.	Admitted. Prof.	Lett.	Tot.	Removed. De'th	Dism	Excl.	Tot.	Bapt'ms Ad'lt.	Infa't	Sabbath Schools.	Average Congreg.	Benev'nt Contrib.	Estima'd Value of Church Property
Ascutneyville	Dec. 15, 1869	Franklin Butler,	A. P.	Jan. 13, 1843	1869	9	14	23	2	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	75	85	$100 00	$4,000
Barnard	May 15, 1782	No report.																				
Bethel	July 25, 1817	Elbridge Gerry,	A. P.	Sept. 24, 1868	1872	11	29	40	12	1	3	4	1	0	0	1	1	0	100	65	54 82	3,500
Bridgewater	1793	No report.																				
Chester	Oct. 27, 1773	John G. Hale,	A. P.	Sept. 30, 1852	1869	45	100	145	25	1	3	4	5	5	0	10	1	2	160	150	202 24	6,000
Hartford	1786	No report.																				
Hartford West	June 3, 1830	Bezaleel Smith,	A. P.	May, 13, 1829	1871	22	38	60	14	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	53	65	67 26	2,500
Hartland	Sept. 6, 1799	J. Q. Bittinger,	A. P.	Oct. 25, 1860	1869	9	29	38	....	0	2	2	2	2	0	4	0	0	60	....	20 00	....
Ludlow	Sept. 25, 1806	.....		.....		22	57	79	16	0	2	2	3	2	0	5	0	0	104	80	72 10	2,000
Norwich	June 15, 1819	Wm. Sewall,	P.	May, 1855	1865	75	142	217	36	1	4	5	4	9	0	13	1	3	249	193	441 11	8,000
Pittsfield	Sept. 17, 1803	J. B. Clark,	A. P.	1859	1869	31	47	78	29	3	0	3	1	0	0	1	3	0	40	50	27 77	3,500
Plymouth	1802	Thomas Baldwin,	A. P.	June 24, 1836	1845	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Pomfret	Jan. 8, 1783	No report.																				
Quechee	Jan. 13, 1831	J. Clement, D. D.,	A. P.	Oct. 30, 1830	1869	6	37	43	....	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	85	90	0 00	....
Rochester	Sept. 11, 1801	T. S. Hubbard,	A. P.	June, 1859	1868	24	80	104	21	2	1	3	3	0	0	3	2	0	100	106	141 00	6,000
Royalton	1777	C. B. Drake, D. D.,	P.	1837	1837	45	73	118	52	0	0	0	9	4	0	13	0	0	50	75	75 00	5,000
Royalton South	Jan. 16, 1868	E. W. Miller,	A. P.	Licentiate.	1872	11	29	40	4	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	....	80	35 00	5,600
Sharon	Sept. 11, 1782	Alex. C. Childs,	A. P.	May 18, 1853	1872	26	50	76	3	1	0	1	1	2	0	3	1	1	80	90	77 12	5,000
Springfield	Oct. 3, 1781	L. H. Cobb,	P.	Oct. 28, 1857	1867	121	273	394	42	19	11	30	8	10	0	18	9	7	374	344	2,689 16	25 00
Stockbridge	Oct. 8, 1827	Charles W. Clark,	A. P.	Jan. 13, 1861	1871	24	52	76	20	1	0	1	1	6	0	7	1	0	70	63	50 25	6,000
Weathersfield C	1775	Vacant.		.....	....	26	40	66	24	0	0	0	1	8	0	9	0	0	0	50	.....	1,200
Weathersfield E	April 11, 1838	Sidney Holman,	A. P.	Jan. 8, 1832	1871	11	17	28	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	80	85	.....	.....
Weston	Sept. 4, 1799	Robert Samuel,	A. P.	.....	1872	13	27	40	11	0	0	0	2	1	1	4	0	0	80	76	46 00	2,000
Windsor	Sept. 21, 1768	Silas P. Cook,	P.	June, 1869	1870	64	127	191	35	7	9	16	3	11	0	14	6	3	135	..	416 21	.....
Woodstock	Dec. 26, 1781	A. B. Dascomb,	P.	Jan 16, 1862	1867	63	146	209	....	7	5	12	7	0	0	7	4	1	150	175	3,000 00	16,000
25		5 Pastors, 14 A. P.				658	1407	2065	351	43	44	86	54	62	1	117	29	17	2065	1922	$7,515 04	$97,300

Ministers without charge—E. I. Carpenter, Secretary Vt. Bible Society, White River Junction.

Deceased—Rev. Robert Southgate, of Hartford, died at Woodstock, Feb. 6, 1873, and Rev. P. Bates, of Ludlow, Apr. 9, 1873.

Dismissed—Rev. S. P. Cook, from Church at Windsor, May 15, 1873.

Register of Conference—Rev. S. P. Cook. *Time of Meeting of Conference*—First Tuesday of June.



VERMONT DOMESTIC

MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

ACT OF INCORPORATION.

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

SECTION 1. James W. Hickok, Joshua Leavitt, William H. Lord, Thaddeus Fairbanks, J. G. Stimson, and Charles S. Smith, with their associates, being members of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society, a society heretofore existing, and organized for the purpose of aiding Congregational churches, and communities in the State in need of assistance, in sustaining the preaching of the gospel, are hereby created a body politic and corporate, by the said name of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society, with all the usual appropriate corporate rights and privileges, and with full power to acquire, hold and convey personal and real property, and to use the same in promoting and securing the aforesaid objects and purposes of their incorporation.

SECTION 2. All the doings of said society while heretofore existing, all gifts, grants, bequests and donations made to it, and all grants, appropriations and conveyances made by said society, are hereby confirmed and made valid.

SECTION 3. Any two of the corporators aforesaid may call the first meeting of said corporation by giving notice thereof in some weekly paper published in said State, three weeks before the day of said meeting,

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect from its passage.

Passed, October 25, 1872.

LEGACIES TO THE V. D. M. SOCIETY.

FORM OF A BEQUEST.

I bequeath to my executors the sum of——————dollars, in trust, to pay over the same to the Treasurer of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society, incorporated in October, 1872, to be applied to the charitable uses and purposes of said society.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

Vermont Domestic Missionary Society,

AS REVISED AND ADOPTED JUNE 18, 1873.

NAME.

Article 1. This Society shall be known by the name of the VERMONT DOMESTIC MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

MEMBERSHIP.

Art. II. Any person may become a member of this Society by paying two dollars into its treasury, and his membership shall continue so long as he shall annually pay a like sum. Any person may, at his request, become a member for life of this Society, who shall at one time pay twenty dollars or more, into its treasury. Congregational ministers whose churches contribute annually to the treasury of this Society, shall be members, and their membership shall continue so long as such annual contributions are made. All such members shall be entitled to vote.

OBJECT.

Art. III. The object of this Society shall be to supply the destitute towns in the state with the preached gospel, by the labors of missionaries, and to aid the American Home Missionary Society.

OFFICERS.

Art. IV. The officers of this Society, to be elected annually, shall be a President, Vice-President, twelve Directors, Secretary, Treasurer and Auditor. The President and Secretary shall be members of the Board of Directors *ex-officiis*. These officers shall all hold their offices for a year and till others are elected.

DUTIES OF PRESIDENT.

Art. V. It shall be the duty of the President, or in his absence, of the Vice-President, to preside at all meetings of the Society, and of the Board of Directors.

DUTIES OF DIRECTORS.

Art. VI. It shall be the duty of the Directors, five of whom shall constitute a quorum, to act upon applications coming from churches, asking for aid; make appropriations of money; fill temporarily any vacancy occasioned by the death or resignation of the Secretary, Treasurer or Auditor; have a general superintendence of all the Society's affairs, and make, through the Secretary, a report of their doings at each annual meeting.

At their annual meeting the Directors shall appoint five of their own number—one of whom shall be the Secretary—as an Executive Committee, which committee shall have full power to act for the Directors on all matters that may come before them, when the Directors are not in session.

DUTIES OF SECRETARY.

Art. VII. The Secretary shall take charge of the books and correspondence of the Society and of the Directors; keep a true record of their doings and call meetings of the Society, Directors and Executive Committee.

He shall secure, as far as possible, collections and donations from churches and individuals; visit destitute communities to ascertain their needs; direct itinerant missionaries to their fields; draw orders upon the Treasurer for all moneys appropriated by the Directors or Executive Committee, and make an annual report to the Society, of the doings of the Directors, and the condition of the missionary work.

DUTIES OF TREASURER.

Art. VIII. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive and hold the property of the Society; take care of and invest the permanent funds; lease, or convey by deed, real estate belonging to the Society, when so ordered by the Directors or Executive Committee; and exhibit at the annual meeting an audited account of the condition of the Treasury, make a statement of the amount of permanent funds, and how they are invested. He shall hold his books open for inspection when requested by any member of the Society, and shall give bonds when required by the Executive Committee.

DUTIES OF AUDITOR.

Art. IX. The Auditor shall carefully audit the Treasurer's book every year, before the annual meeting of the Society, and report also on the amount of the permanent funds, and the form of their investment.

MEETINGS.

Meetings of Society.

Art. X. There shall be an annual meeting of this Society, for the election of officers and the transaction of any necessary business, on the Wednesday succeeding the 3d Tuesday in June, at 10 o'clock A. M., at the same place where the General Convention of Congregational Ministers and Churches of Vermont holds its annual meeting. Two several notices shall be given by the Secretary, of the time and place of holding this meeting, in some newspaper generally circulated in this State.

Meetings of Directors.

The Directors shall hold an annual meeting on the same day of the annual meeting of the Society, at such time as the Secretary shall give notice to the Directors personally, or by public notice at the annual meeting of the Society. They may adjourn or meet at such other time as they see fit, or as they may be called together by the Secretary, notice being given them in writing, one week before the time of meeting.

Meetings of Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee shall hold meetings at such times and places as they may appoint, and whenever the Secretary may call them together; and they shall have power to call meetings of the Society or Directors, in case of the death, resignation, or absence of the Secretary.

CHANGE OF CONSTITUTION.

Art. XI. The object of this Society shall not be changed, but this Constitution may be altered or amended, on a proposal of the Directors, at any annual meeting, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

MINUTES OF THE FIFTY-FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING.

THE fifty-fifth anniversary of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society was held at Middlebury, on Wednesday, June 18, 1873.

The Society was called to order by the Secretary, Rev. C. S. Smith.

In the absence of the President and Vice-President, Mr. C. F. Thompson was chosen president *pro tem*, but left the chair soon after, on the arrival of the President, J. W. Hickok, Esq.

After singing, and prayer by Rev. C. B. Drake, D. D., the following gentlemen were appointed a committee to nominate officers for the ensuing year, viz; Rev. Alfred Stevens, Rev. Calvin Hulbert, and Dea. —. Haven.

The Treasurer's Report was read by J. C. Emery, Esq., accepted and ordered to be printed.

The Report of the Directors was read by the Secretary, Rev. C. S. Smith. On motion of Rev. A. B. Dascomb, the Report was accepted and ordered to be printed.

Remarks were made by Rev. A. B. Dascomb, Rev. G. B. Safford, and Dea. C. F. Thompson.

Rev. C. S. Smith then presented an Act, passed by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont, Oct. 25, 1872, incorporating the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society. He showed that legal notice had been given calling, at this time and place, a meeting of the corporators.

The Act of incorporation was read, and by unanimous vote was accepted and adopted by the corporators. (For this act see page 58.)

The Secretary, Rev. C. S. Smith, then presented to the corporators the Constitution of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society, with recommendations, by the Directors, of several alterations and amendments.

On motion, the Constitution, in its amended form, was unanimously adopted by the corporators. (For this Constitution, see page 59.)

The Committee on Nominations reported the following list of officers for the ensuing year, who were unanimously elected.

President—J. W. HICKOK, Esq.

Vice-President—Hon. E. P. WALTON.

Secretary—Rev. C. S. SMITH.

Directors—Rev. H. F. LEAVITT, W. H. LORD, D. D., THADDEUS FAIRBANKS, Esq., J. G. STIMSON, Esq., Rev. C. E. FERRIN, Rev. W. S. HAZEN, Rev. W. S. PALMER, Rev. A. W. WILD, Rev. NA-

THANIEL MIGHILL, Rev. G. B. SAFFORD, Rev. J. G. JOHNSON,, Rev. J. G. HALE.

The President, J. W. HICKOK, Esq., and the Secretary, Rev. C. S. Smith, are also Directors *ex officiis*.

Treasurer—J. C. EMERY, Esq., Montpelier.

Auditor—Hon. JOHN A. PAGE,.

After singing the doxology, the Society adjourned.

LEONARD TENNEY,
Recording Secretary.

A true copy, C. S. SMITH, *Sec'y.*

FIFTY-FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS.

MISSIONARY GROUND.

THE place of our meeting to-day, to celebrate our fifty-fifth anniversary, brings up to us the past, and reminds us that we are treading on ground hallowed by the prayers, and zeal, and faith, and labors of those who were pioneers in the home missionary work of the State. As early as 1804, at least fourteen years before the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society was organized, there were praying men and women in the churches in this part of the State, who, led on by the zeal of Rev. Jedediah Bushnell, Rev. Thomas A. Merrill, and Rev. Lemuel Haynes, were contributing of their funds and employing itinerant missionaries to preach the gospel in the new settlements and destitute communities. In a report printed by their committee the next year, 1805, we learn that their missionaries had labored, among other places, in the benighted towns of New Haven, Vergennes, Charlotte, Woodstock, and Montpelier.

MISSIONARY ZEAL OF THE LADIES.

One of the marked features of this early home missionary movement, was the interest taken in it by the ladies, and their efforts to carry it forward. Unvexed in those days, by knotty questions concerning their *rights* or their *mission*, they entered heartily into the home missionary work, opened their houses to men engaged in this good cause, gave of the work of their hands to sustain them, followed them with their prayers, and to give system to their efforts, organized societies. A Ladies' missionary Society existed in Cornwall, and contributed of its funds in 1804 to sustain missionaries. This was probably the first Home Missionary Society organized in the State. A little later there was one in Middlebury, and later still, they were found in all parts of the State. The piety and zeal of the mothers seems still

to linger in its influence here, and dwell in the hearts of their daughters; for both Cornwall and Middlebury has a Ladies' Missionary Society.

ORGANIZATION OF A SOCIETY.

As these early friends of home missions labored on, and the work to be done increased, their zeal grew, and other hearts were fired with the same spirit, so that when the General Convention of Congregational and Presbyterian ministers of Vermont assembled at Middlebury, on the 1st day of September, 1807, they formed themselves into a Missionary Society, which was called the Vermont Missionary Society. This organization prosecuted the work of organizing churches and sending ministers to preach to the destitute till 1818. Then, under the impulse of a new wave of missionary feeling, mainly set in motion by an itinerant missionary of fervent piety, just from Andover Theological Seminary, and a graduate of Middlebury College—one Levi Parsons—the old organization was voluntarily abandoned, and a new Society formed, which was intended to enlist the younger membership in the churches, in missionary work, called the Vermont Juvenile Missionary Society. Eight years after, its name was changed to the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society.

THE REV. THOMAS A. MERRILL,

The honored pastor of this church for so many years, was the Secretary, (or Clerk, as it was called,) of the Vermont Missionary Society while it existed, and was for many years Secretary and Director in the new organization. The home missionary cause in Vermont owes more to his zeal and earnest efforts, protracted through many years, than to those of any other one man. To his church, who partook largely of his spirit, belongs the high honor of having never failed, for fifty-five years, of forwarding an annual contribution to the treasury of this Society, and it is an honor which she has without a rival.

ACT OF INCORPORATION.

The first founders of this Society were more intent upon making it a present spiritual blessing to the State, than they were to place it on a legal business basis. Honest in their purposes, and electing honest men to care for and disburse their charities, they moved on from year to year, doing their blessed work, with no thought of ever needing the protection of the legislature or the special sanction of civil law to give validity to their business transaction, consequently they never organized under any general law, or asked for a special act of incorporation from the legislature.

Last year, in executing a legal instrument, this condition of the Society was ascertained, and strong doubts were expressed by some legal gentlemen who were consulted, whether it was a legal body and could have any protection in our courts. It was deemed unwise to allow any doubt to rest upon the legal standing and rights of this Society; consequently a committee was appointed at our last annual meeting, consisting of his excellency, Hon. Julius Converse, J. W. Hickok, Esq., and the Secretary, to secure from the General Assembly an act of incorporation. Such an act was obtained in October last, giving this body corporate rights, legalizing its past doings and confirming all donations and bequests made to it. That Act will be submitted to you to-day for your adoption.

AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION.

We submit also for your approval, some amendments to the Constitution of the Society, which seem desirable, to make more specific the terms of membership, the duties of its officers, the times of holding and the manner of calling meetings.

THE TREASURY.

The receipts of the year have been, from all sources, $12,751.14. Adding to this the balance in the Treasury at the beginning of the year, we have, as the total resources of the year, $14,223,07. Of this sum $2,548.14 was received for the itinerant work from Cent Societies and donations; $966.56 came from itinerant fields; $3,375.07 was received from legacies and the payment of notes. A portion of this was from matured claims belonging to the permanent fund, which is not available for current expenses, but is to be re-invested. The disbursements have been $10,867.32. Of this amount $2,361.48 have gone to support the itinerant work. When the amount belonging to the permanent fund has been re-invested, the sum in the treasury will be much reduced—about one-half. There have been sent directly to the American Home Missionary Society, without passing through our treasury, $4,356.63.

STATISTICAL TABLES.

The following tables will be found to contain the principal statistics relating to the several aided churches and fields occupied during the year in the Ordinary and Itinerant departments, with brief notices of each.

TABULAR VIEW OF AIDED CHURCHES.

CHURCHES.	MISSIONARIES.	DATE OF COMMISSION.	Length of Com	Aid pledged.	Mos. of labor performed.	Hopeful convs.	Added		Remov'd.			Resid. Mem.	Male Memb.	Non-Resid.	Average Cong.	No. in Sab. Sch.	CONTRIBUTIONS.	
							Profession	Letter.	Dismiss'n.	Died.	Excom.						Domestic Missions.	Other Objects.
Albany	Albert Watson	July 1, 1872	12	$200	11	3	0	3	0	2	0	13	15	6	100	100	$6 00	$12 00
Arlington & Sunderland	J. F. Donaldson	June 8, 1873	12	200	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	8	3	55	40	.....	.....
Berkshire East	Elias W. Hatch	June 1, 1872	12	100	11	2	2	0	1	1	0	45	16	8	75	100	9 57	25 25
Berlin West	John F. Stone	June 1, 1872	12	200	12	3	3	0	0	0	0	18	7	1	50	65	30 00	15 00
Bethel	Elbridge Gerry	Dec. 1, 1872	6	75	6	0	2	3	0	1	0	30	7	6	65	50	10 25	20 00
Braintree East	Arthur T. Reed	Sept. 1, 1871	12	150	3	6	6	0	0	0	0	53	20	5	150	75	0 00	25 00
Cambridgeport	Julius C. McCollom	June, 1872	12	200	11	2	0	0	2	1	0	42	18	2	100	80	5 70	75 00
Charleston West	Wm. T. Herrick	Nov. 17, 1872	7	116	7	0	0	3	2	4	0	56	18	13	100	121	50 00	105 55
Colchester	Charles M. Seaton	Jan. 1, 1873	12	150	12	4	2	0	2	2	1	50	7	11	65	69	15 00	7 00
Danby	E. F. Wright	Oct. 1, 1872	12	200	8	0	4	4	1	0	0	23	7	5	60	55	.....	3 00
Dover West	S. H. Amsden	May 8, 1872	12	200	11	1	0	0	0	0	0	27	13	4	120	70	11 25	.....
Gaysville	Charles W. Clark	April 1, 1873	12	200	12	1	1	0	6	1	0	58	19	18	69	85	35 00	15 00
Granby and Victory	Samuel R. Hall	Aug. 1, 1872	12	200	10	2	1	0	0	0	0	34	18	8	45	65	17 00	48 50
Guildhall	John H. Thyng	Nov. 1, 1872	12	175	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	31	12	..	75	50	15 00	.....
Highgate	James P. Stone	Oct. 1, 1872	12	200	8	0	0	0	7	4	0	40	11	10	80	95	20 00	30 00
Hubbardton	Calvin Granger	Sept. 1, 1872	12	125	12	0	2	1	1	1	0	35	12	18	70	60	51 25	20 00
Hydepark	John G. Bailey	June 1, 1872	12	200	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	.....
Irasburgh	Azro A. Smith	Dec. 1, 1872	12	150	12	3	0	4	5	2	0	46	11	8	125	159	35 00	12 00
Jamaica	Charles Burnham	April 1, 1873	12	200	12	0	0	0	0	1	0	27	11	5	90	82	18 20	10 00
Londonderry	Daniel Goodhue	April 1, 1872	12	200	11	0	3	2	5	1	0	26	8	7	75	75	.....	.....
Lowell	Fred. B. Phelps	July 1, 1872	12	200	12	3	0	0	0	0	0	42	15	13	80	100	.....	3 00

Ludlow	Philander Bates	June 1,	1872	12	140	10	0	0	2	2	4	0	62	17	16	80	104	10	31	72	10
Marshfield	Nelson F. Cobleigh	June 1,	1872	12	200	12	0	0	2	0	2	0	31	11	4	70	80	12	00	18	75
Middletown	Osborn Myrick	Nov. 1,	1872	12	150	12	5	1	0	4	1	0	40	10	9	100	144	5	00	0	00
Morrisville	Vitellus M. Hardy	Sept. 1,	1871	12	130	3	1	2	0	0	1	0	76	34	20	152	204	.....		38	50
Newbury West	Robert D. Miller	Mar. 1,	1873	12	200	12	0	0	0	0	3	2	41	13	1	80	120	16	00	31	00
Pittsfield	Josiah B. Clark	April 1,	1873	12	100	12	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	00	.....	
Ripton	Cephas H. Kent	June 1,	1872	12	100	12	0	0	2	1	0	0	38	17	24	40	40	25	00	55	20
Roxbury	Alden Ladd	Oct. 1,	1872	12	300	12	1	4	0	0	2	0	44	18	12	65	50	10	00	42	00
Royalton South	E. W. Miller	June 1,	1873	10	200	10	0	0	2	2	0	0	34	10	6	80	60	13	11	30	00
Sharon	Alex. C. Childs	Jan. 1,	1873	12	150	4	0	1	0	2	2	2	0	68	18	60	90	.....		77	91
St. Albans Bay	Dana B. Bradford	Mar. 1,	1872	12	200	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....		.....	
Sudbury	Henry F. Rustedt	Sept. 1,	1872	12	200	12	0	0	1	3	0	0	27	7	8	50	30	25	00	9	25
Troy	David Connell	Dec. 1,	1872	12	100	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	3	..	66	35	5	00	.....	
Tunbridge	Ozias S. Morris	Aug. 1,	1871	12	150	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....		.....	
Weathersfield Bow	Sidney Holman	Mar. 1,	1873	12	90	12	0	0	0	1	0	0	28	9	8	80	70	0	00	10	00
Weston	Robert Samuel	Mar. 9,	1873	12	200	12	0	0	0	1	2	1	29	9	11	76	90	32	50	18	00
Whiting	Harvey H. Leavitt	Jan. 1,	1872	12	100	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	2	0	60	50	10	00	0	00
Wolcott	Horace Herrick	April 1,	1873	12	150	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	32	13	16	70	50	16	50	.....	
Worcester	Mason Moore	May 1,	1872	12	200	12	6	0	2	0	1	0	34	8	10	55	75	20	50	.....	

THE AIDED CHURCHES.

1. ALBANY. The missionary writes, "The principal events of interest the past year have been, the installation of a pastor, the organization of a Ladies' Benevolent Society, the purchasing of a chandelier, and the death of two of our best men, one of them an officer in the church. We feel at present very weak, but hope for better days."

2. ARLINGTON AND SUNDERLAND. This church has been supplied ten months of the year, but is again without an undershepherd. They are looking for another minister.

3. BERKSHIRE EAST. The church and pastor have held on their way with little change. "Our prospect is not, humanly speaking, very encouraging. The church has only lived on, just held its own, for more than twenty years, and seems to be having about the same mission and measure of success as in the past. Some good, we are sure, perhaps great, has been accomplished from year to year."

4. BERLIN WEST. Rev. J. F. Stone has supplied this church through the year. Considerable religious interest was manifest through the winter and spring, and a few hopeful conversions occurred.

5. BETHEL. After going on a year without aid from this Society. this church is again on our catalogue. They have secured the services of Rev. E. Gerry. "There seems to be a good state of feeling. The members are very well united. Growth is slow, yet additions have been made for several of the last communion seasons."

6. BRAINTREE EAST AND BROOKFIELD WEST. Rev. A. T. Reed, whose labors resulted in the organization of this church, left them in September last, to complete his theological studies. Since then they have been supplied, most of the time, by Mr. H. C. Howard, who still preaches there. The prayer meetings are well attended, and the church united and harmonious.

7. CAMBRIDGEPORT. This church has been somewhat weakened by removals. Their pastor has been dismissed, and they are now without a minister. No other meetings have, for several years, been held in the village. As the church has been organized but a few years, and this is the first time they have been left destitute, their faith and constancy may be tried.

8. CHARLESTON WEST. "The pastor, Rev. A. C. Childs, was dismissed just before the close of the last missionary year. The church was without regular preaching till the second Sabbath in November, when the present acting pastor, Rev. W. T. Herrick, commenced his services. During this time, at least one service and the Sabbath school were maintained. The church and parsonage have been painted outside, and the latter mostly inside, besides undergoing other repairs. A new carpet—seventy-five yards—has been procured for the church, and blinds have been ordered for the parsonage, at an expense, in all, of more than $500. The ladies of the congregation have raised nearly $150, to procure the carpet and aid in these improvements. This church asks for $50 less aid than they have received for some years."

9. COLCHESTER. The missionary writes, "During the latter part of the year, covered by this report, though there has been no special revival, yet there has been an increase of religious interest, manifesting itself more particularly in our social meetings, especially in our Sabbath evening meetings. They have been better attended and better sustained. A quiet, calm, though deep and tender interest has been manifested that has made us feel that it was good to be there. We hope that this little cloud, though no bigger than a man's hand, may overspread our horizon, bringing refreshing showers of grace." The missionary's wife was brought very low by illness, but the Lord in mercy spared her.

10. DANBY. Rev. J. P. Stone left this field at the close of the last missionary year. Mr. E. F. Wright went there in July to teach, and with a layman's license. He commenced soon after supplying the pulpit. He has since then received a regular license from the Rutland Association, and devotes his whole time now to his parish. He reports the meetings as well attended, Sabbath school interesting, and the general state of things as hopeful.

11. DOVER WEST. Rev. L. H. Amsden closed his labors here in May. The church is now supplied, part of the time, by Rev. O. C. Dickerson. This church and the one at the Center should unite in employing the same minister. Neither is strong enough alone to support a minister, but by uniting together they could do so.

12. GAYSVILLE. This is the old Stockbridge church, but is put down as Gaysville, as that is the name of the village, and the post-office address of the missionary. The business and equipments of a large woolen mill are being removed from this village to another State, which may seriously affect the church and congregation. The missionary writes, "We have lost some of our

members—some of the best of them—by removal, and the prospect is that we shall lose more, by reason of anticipated business changes in our village. There is now no preaching in town except at our church." One young man, a member of the church, has during the year, been licensed to preach.

13. GRANBY AND VICTORY. This little church, which accommodates the scattered population of two thinly settled towns, has been supplied most of the year by Rev. S. R. Hall, who helped organize it in 1825. He reports the attention given to preaching good, and that the prayer meetings and monthly concerts are well sustained.

14. GUILDHALL. After being without a minister for two years or more, this church, last fall, secured the services of Rev. J. H. Thyng. The state of religion is low, and the habits of non-attendance upon public worship, among a large part of the people, have a discouraging effect upon the minister. Meetings are being held in the out-districts. Greater earnestness and devotion are much needed on the part of the church.

15. HIGHGATE. Rev. E. J. Comings closed his labors here in April, 1872; after which the church was occasionally supplied by Rev. A. J. Samson and others, or, when without preaching, held "reading meetings" till October, when Rev. J. P. Stone commenced laboring with them. After speaking of some improvements since he came, he writes, "But still religion is very low; some, who profess better things, are never at the prayer meetings, and but seldom at church on the Sabbath. We greatly need a revival of religion; without one, this church will, in a few years, become extinct. We have been reduced in numbers about one fifth within a year. We have fewer numbers by eleven than a year ago; seven having been dismissed, and four worthy members, a venerable father, and the others mothers in Israel, having been removed by death."

16. HUBBARDTON. This little church is passing through deep waters. The missionary who has labored with them for several years expects soon to go elsewhere. Besides this, many of the church are moving away. The missionary writes, "We feel sorely crippled here; eighteen non-resident members. Six families have left our congregation this spring, including our two deacons, our chorister, our Sabbath school superintendent, and the three male members that were in the church when I came here." Such cases are very trying to a feeble church, and they test severely the faith and constancy and self-denial of those that remain. We are glad to learn that those left in Hubbardton are earnest in their purpose to still maintain gospel institutions there.

17. HYDEPARK. This church has had no regular preaching since Mr. Bailey left last September. They are weak, discouraged, have lost some members by removals, and have no one to go forward and inspire hope and courage in other hearts by his own determination and zeal. The lack of a house of worship, which they neglected to build when they might, is now a great drawback to them.

18. IRASBURGH. The house of worship has been dedicated during the year, and is a tasteful and convenient building. The missionary is laboring hard to uplift the church by raising the standard of Christian living, and developing a feeling of personal responsibility to Christ.

19. JAMAICA. The missionary reports, "The debt on the church has just been cancelled. The parsonage has been painted and other repairs are about to be made. Externally there is apparent prosperity, and we have great reason of gratitude to God for what has been done. The church in Brattleboro by a special effort raised for us $250. The Congregational Union gave $250 more; for all of which we feel truly thankful. Mr. S. E. Howard, of Brattleboro, formerly of this town, gave the paint and oil to paint the parsonage. The sabbath school at Brattleboro made our school a donation of $25. I would I could report as good a degree of spiritual prosperity. I think Christians do appreciate the privileges of the gospel and are making progress in holiness. But most of the members of the church are advanced in years, and one after another are passing to their home in the 'Better Country.' A few, very few, of the young come forward to fill their places. It looks dark, but may we not hope that it will prove another fulfillment of Zech. 'At evening time it shall be light'?"

20. LONDONDERRY. This church is very small, having only a few resident members. A debt of $300 has been paid on the parsonage by the help of the churches in the county. Mr. Goodhue closed his labors here the 1st of April. If this church could unite with the one at the south village, or with the church in Weston, in hiring the same minister, it might supply them with religious privileges, save something to the missionary society, and economize ministerial ability. As there is no other preaching in this village, every effort should be made to keep up the ordinances of God's house here.

21. LOWELL. This church has suffered severely from removals, so that it has been an anxious inquiry with them whether they could keep their pastor another year. He writes, "Two of our young men have the ministry in view. The church has lost by removals during the year some of its most active and useful

members, although they have not as yet removed their church relationship. Whether the people will be able to raise the means to continue public worship, is still doubtful. A large proportion of them are still in debt for the homes they occupy. I pray that God may so direct events that the work here may not cease." The people hope to make up the salary so as to keep their pastor.

22. LUDLOW. This church has met with a great loss in the death of their minister, Rev. P. Bates. A good degree of prosperity has attended them during his ministry. They have strong hopes of securing for the year the labors of Rev. S. P. Cook.

23. MARSHFIELD. This church has continued with little change through the year. Pastor and people have dwelt in harmony, together maintaining and enjoying gospel ordinances.

24. MIDDLETOWN. The missionary writes, "The meeting-house has been repaired, and a floating debt of long standing paid. The meetings have been usually well attended, and the Sabbath school maintains its numbers and interest. Union meetings with the Baptists and Methodists were commenced during the Week of Prayer, and continued for some weeks with good results. Preaching and Sabbath school services were held last summer and fall in the west district, the pastor of the Baptist church alternating with me in preaching. A revival commenced in the fall and continued through the winter, changing remarkably the tone of this whole district."

25. MORRISVILLE. Mainly as the result of settling a pastor this church has ceased to be dependent upon the Missionary Society. The pastor reports, among the hopeful things, "A continued and better attendance on social meetings; a more thorough organization by committees, through whom the pastor can act; one young man preparing for the ministry; repairing church by addition of tower, and improvement of interior."

26. NEWBURY WEST. The work of repairing the union meeting-house is going on—an enterprise which has long been deferred. Meetings are held in two localities. The Sabbath schools are union schools.

27. PITTSFIELD. No report has been received from this field.

28. RIPTON. This weak church has been rendered weaker by removals. The storms and deep snows of winter diminished the congregation and broke up the Sabbath school for some months.

29. ROXBURY. The pastor asked for a dismission during the year, having had a call to another field, but the council, in view of

his past usefulness and the importance of the field, advised him to remain. Much good has been accomplished here, but as the business of the place is quite limited, the young, many of them, go elsewhere. The missionary speaks of more than a dozen having left his congregation lately. Meetings are sustained in several out-districts.

30. ROYALTON SOUTH. The society have cleared off a debt of $1,900. Preaching has been maintained through the year, though they have had a change of ministers. A settled pastor and permanent ministerial influences are much needed here.

31. SHARON. This is an old church which has for many years sustained preaching without aid, but having been weakened by death and emigration, they have applied for help. Rev. A. C. Childs has ministered to them for a year past. He reports the recent death of one of the deacons, which is felt to be an almost irreparable loss.

32. ST. ALBANS BAY. Rev. D. B. Bradford closed his labors with this church on the first of March. Since then they have been without preaching. There is a want of harmony in the church, and of such a sense of personal responsibility as is indispensable to growth and permanence.

33. SUDBURY. There has been nothing of importance to chronicle in this little parish for the past year. The missionary suffered loss from the burning of his barn.

34. TROY. Rev. D. Connell has continued to supply this church half of the time. The congregation is small, but it is the only one in the village. The missionary preaches at Westfield half of the time.

35. TUNBRIDGE. This church was left in August without a minister. They have been supplied a part of the year by a Methodist minister. No report has been received.

36. WEATHERSFIELD BOW. This church has had no aid during the year except the income of the "Jarvis fund," to which they are entitled. Rev. Sidney Holman has continued his labors with them.

37. WESTON. Preaching has been maintained through the year. The churches in Windsor county contribute $100 toward the support of the minister.

38. WHITING. Rev. H. F. Leavitt supplied this church one half of the time till January. Since then Rev. H. F. Rustedt has

preached for them a part of the time. They are repairing the Union meeting-house at an expense of $2,500. Mr. Leavitt reports, "This year another Congregational family have moved in, husband and wife being members, which makes seven Congregationalists having letters, three males and four females, who, with four indulging hope, will probably unite, after the church is rededicated.

39. WOLCOTT. The missionary reports, "My field is a hard one. Have no members of our church living in the village. I go out for prayer meetings and conferences. The general neglect of the Sabbath is lamentable. So little progress has been made that I have often been discouraged and resolved to leave, but the solicitations of the people have induced me to remain."

40. WORCESTER. Rev. M. Moore, who labored here during the year, has left, and the church are without a minister. They are however looking for one, and seem to be in as good a condition as at any time for some years past.

TABULAR VIEW OF ITINERANT FIELDS.

FIELDS AND MISSIONARIES.	BEGUN.	Weeks of Labor.	Weekly Salary.	Traveling Expenses	Amounst paid. By the People.	Amounst paid. By the Society.	Amounst paid. Total.	Average Congreg'n.	No. in Sab. School.
1. BELVIDERE								50	25
G W. Benjamin	May 17, 1872	4	$8.00		$9.81	$31.19	$41.00		
2. BRAINTREE								70	50
William D. Hart	May 18, 1872	11	8.00	10.60	23.00	39.60	110.60		
3. BRIDGEWATER								60	60
G. C. Jewell	May 19, 1872	13	8.00	9.35	17.25	111.60	128.85		
Geo. E. Hall	May 25, 1873	1	8.00						
4. BROWNINGTON								95	65
F. Countryman	May 23, 1872	12	8.00	10.05	112.05	10.05	122.05		
5. BURKE EAST								80	45
John Thomas	May 18, 1872	16	8.00	12.00	156.00		156.00		
F. J. Marsh	May 25, 1873	1	8.00						
6. CALAIS EAST								70	45
C. N. Fitch	June 7, 1872	6	8.00	10.00	50.00	8.00	58.00		
7. DOVER CENTER								55	75
O. C. Dickerson		25			100.00		100.00		
8. DOVER WEST								120	70
O. C. Dickerson		8							
9. FERRISBURGH								75	80
H. M. Ladd	May 25, 1873	1	8.00						
10. GUILFORD EAST								60	
O. C. Dickerson		6							
D. Goodhue		5	10.00		30.00	20.00	50.00		
11. MONTGOMERY CEN.								90	85
W. A. Lamb	June 25, 1872	8	8.00	11.90	38.00	37.90	75.90		
Wm. P. Clancy	May 25, 1873	1	8.00						
12. MARLBORO								50	20
O. C. Dickerson		8							
13. NEWFANE WEST								40	25
O. C. Dickerson		10							
14 ORANGE								150	120
Geo. W. Christie	May 18, 1872	12	8.00	11.00	84.00	39.00	123.00		
L. S. Gates	May 30, 1873		8.00						
15. POMFRET								60	45
James Oakey	May 24, 1873	1	8.00						
16. ROCKINGHAM								30	12
C. J Broadwell	May 23, 1872	9	8.00	5.50		55.50	55.50		
17. RUTLAND WEST								55	9
G. A. Pehrsson	June 1, 1872								
18. SAXTON'S RIVER								76	65
O. C. Dickerson		2							
19. STOWE WEST								45	
J. L. Stoddard	May 25, 1872	3	8.00	5.00		37.00	37.00		
20. STRAFFORD								75	60
A. Barnum	May 19, 1872	14	8.00	19.95	138.95		138.95		
21. STRATTON								68	58
J. W. Starr	May 24, 1872	14	8.00	6.18	17.00	109.18	126.18		
O. C. Dickerson		4							
A. B. Emmons	May 30, 1873		8.00						
22. WARDSBORO SO.								80	45
N. M. Calhoun	May 24, 1872	9	8.00	8.00	73.00	15.00	98.00		
O. C. Dickerson		15			50.00				
R. D. Metcalf	March 22, 1873	10	8.00			50.00	50.00		
23. WATERVILLE								130	60
G. W. Benjamin	May 18, 1872	4	8.00	12.00	52.00		52.00		

ITINERANT FIELDS.

1. BELVIDERE. The young man, who labored here, started a singing school among the children, and adopted the plan of praying and singing with families in his visits among them. He also distributed a large number of tracts.

2. BRAINTREE. This church enjoyed for a second summer the labors of Mr. W. D. Hart, and entertained strong hopes for a while of securing his services as a permanent minister, but found, in the end, that the utmost they could raise would not, with what the Missionary Society are accustomed to give, enable them to pay Mr. Hart the salary he wanted. They are this summer supplied by a student from Andover Theological Seminary.

3. BRIDGEWATER. We have continued to supply this church with the labors of a student during the summer. It is not all that it needs, but it seems to be all that we can well do for them under the circumstances. There are people enough, within easy distance of the village, to make a large congregation, and with means sufficient to support the institutions of the gospel, but the majority do not prize such privileges enough to make any effort of themselves to obtain them.

4. BROWNINGTON. As this church was without a minister, a student was engaged for them, for the summer. His salary was paid by the people. There is some prospect that this ancient church will have to descend from her hill elevation into the valley where the railroad and business are taking the population.

BURKE EAST. Since Mr. Underwood closed his labors here, the church has been supplied by student's labor during the summer. The churches in Caledonia county gave the services of their ministers for one Sabbath each, through the winter and spring, to help this little church which has borne such valuable fruit in the past.

6. CALAIS EAST. The student who commenced labor here last year was obliged to leave on account of illness. There seems to be a growing desire among the people for permanent religious privileges. They are at present supplied by a Methodist minister.

7. DOVER CENTER. Rev. O. C. Dickerson lives with this people and has ministered to them, with one or more service, for

nearly half of the Sabbaths in the year. They are not able to sustain preaching alone, but by uniting with the church at West Dover in employing the same minister, they may have stated services.

8. DOVER WEST. Since Mr. Amsden left this church in May, Mr. Dickerson has supplied them a part of the time.

9. FERRISBURGH. This church has, for several years past, sustained preaching without missionary aid. Being without a minister and with little courage to seek one, a student has been sent them, with the hope that they will gain new courage and impulse to provide themselves with another minister.

10. GUILFORD EAST. A church formerly existed here that sustained Christian ordinances, but for some years they have had no meetings of any kind. On visiting them, Mr. Dickerson found a strong desire for a renewal of meetings. He spent several Sabbaths with them. Rev. D. Goodhue labored there five weeks, and some effort has been made to find an earnest man to go there for a year, but as yet without success.

11. MONTGOMERY CENTER. Considerable religious interest was manifest last summer, and the attendance upon public worship was large. They are supplied the present summer.

12. MARLBORO. This church has been sadly wasted by emigration. The remaining members are not united and in earnest to sustain religious meetings. The county missionary has labored with them, but even his zeal seems to have failed to stir them up to make any resolute efforts to better their condition. It is a sad thing to see the people of an entire town, who once enjoyed better days, so indifferent to the claims God has upon them. A decay of the material interests of the town keeps pace with the neglect of divine things.

13. NEWFANE WEST. This is a point which has been visited, from time to time, by Mr. Dickerson, and where he has held religious services.

14. ORANGE. Mr. Christie labored here a second summer with good acceptance. The congregation and Sabbath school was very large. A deeper religious interest has been awakened in the town than has existed for years. A strong desire has been expressed to have Mr. Christie come back and settle with them. A subscription has been made for this purpose, and they have some encouragement from him that he will come.

15. POMFRET. This church has been without regular preaching for nearly a year, and at their request a student has been sent

them for the summer. It is one of the churches that, with all they are able to raise, and with what help they might hope to get from the Missionary Society, they cannot secure any one of real ability to remain with them permanently, consequently are without preaching as much of the time as they have it.

16. ROCKINGHAM. Mr. Broadwell labored in this field last summer. There are hardly any persons making a profession of religion living here. The attendance upon public worship is small, but as there is no other evangelical preaching in this part of the town, it has been thought best to send them a student.

17. RUTLAND WEST. Rev. G. A. Pehrsson still divides his time between the Scandinavians in West Rutland and Boston. He reports the number of them living in West Rutland, to whom he ministers, as follows:—Swedish families sixteen; children in these families fourteen. Whole number of Swedes seventy-eight. Norwegian and Danish families fifteen; children in these families sixteen. Whole number of Norwegians and Danes fifty-seven. Making the whole number of Scandinavians one hundred and thirty-five. Mr. Pehrsson has preached to them twenty-seven times; administered the sacrament of the Lord's Supper three times; baptized five children, and distributed a number of tracts and Bibles among his people. He speaks of their having been greatly blessed with the presence of God's Spirit during the year.

18. SAXTON'S RIVER. While this church was without a minister the county missionary visited it and held service with them a few times.

19. STOWE WEST. The student sent to this field was taken sick, and was obliged to suspend his work.

20. STRAFFORD. In the absence of other means of supply, this church received a student last summer, who labored with great acceptance to the people.

21. STRATTON. In addition to the summer supply by students, this church has been looked after by the county missionary. They have repaired their house of worship, and have with them this summer a graduate of Union Theological Seminary who spent his vacation with them two years ago.

22. WARDSBORO SOUTH. This church was supplied last summer by a student, who awakened a good degree of interest among the people. Through the fall and winter Mr. Dickerson labored with them with good results. In March Mr. R. D. Metcalf commenced preaching to them, and they have raised a subscription to retain him for a year. An unhappy division, in regard to the

place of holding public worship, has existed in this church for years, to the great injury of the cause of Christ in the town.

23. WATERVILLE. This church was supplied last summer with preaching half of the time. They paid the whole expense. Some efforts are being made to secure regular preaching for half of the time during the year, which we hope may succeed.

THE COUNTY MISSIONARY sums up his work for the year:—"Sermons 144; addresses 49; prayer meetings attended 96; family visits 870; miles traveled 2,891."

SUMMARY.

FIELDS OF LABOR.

THIS Society has had under its care the past year forty churches in the *Ordinary*, and twenty-three churches and fields in the *Itinerant* department—sixty-three in all. These have furnished in the aggregate 4,880 habitual attendants upon public worship, and about 3,000 Sabbath school pupils.

The church in Morrisville has assumed the support of its pastor, and hopes to be dependent on us no longer. It has been aided, most of the time, for thirty-seven years, to the total amount of $3,350.00.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

The contributions from the missionary churches, for benevolent objects, have been $1,308.31. Of this sum $543.00 has been paid into our treasury.

GAINS AND LOSSES.

The additions have been, by profession, thirty-four, by letter twenty-nine—sixty-five in all. The removals by deaths, dismissions and exclusions have been ninety-three. Showing a loss of twenty-eight members. One missionary—Rev. Philander Bates, of Ludlow,—an earnest and successful worker, died suddenly in the midst of his labors. His departure is deeply mourned by the people to whom he ministered.

Though, during the year now closed, we have secured about the usual amount of contributions, employed as many missionaries as

in the past, and, so far as we can see, the labors of the missionaries have been as faithfully performed as heretofore, yet, if we are to judge from the few additions to the churches, the year has been one of unusual spiritual barrenness. The additions have been fewer than at any previous year during the past decade. The deaths have exceeded by five the additions by profession.

To what extent this lack of spiritual growth is the result of unfaithfulness on the part of missionaries and churches, it is for them to inquire, and not for us to judge. We may perhaps find some explanation that will in part account for the small spiritual harvest of the year, in the operation of natural causes and in the events of the year. 1st. It has been a year of political strife. We have passed through a Presidential election, followed by startling rumors of corruption and untruthfulness on the part of those who held places of honor, which for months kept the minds of the people in an excited, feverish state most unfavorable to the growth of religious interest. 2dly. The winter was one of unusual severity, interfering sadly with the general and regular attendance upon public worship. 3dly. Some epidemic diseases, as measles, scarlet fever and small-pox, have prevailed widely, so that in some towns the common schools have been suspended, and the house of God closed for a season. These causes, operating singly or together, have unquestionably diverted men's minds to other things, and interrupted thoughtful attention to personal religion.

REMOVALS.

A marked feature of the reports from the missionary churches this year is the large number that speak of serious losses by removals, and of a consequent increased pecuniary weakness. We expect to hear, more or less, of such losses every year; for that is what these churches are for, to be feeders of the large ones and to furnish polished stones wherewith to build and adorn spiritual temples elsewhere. Their *mission* is to become and continue weak, that others may be strong; to impart of that which constitutes their very life and health, as a contribution to the general interest of Christ's kingdom. But during the past year the draft upon them has been such as to call forth a very general cry of distress. The following extracts tell the tale of their sorrow: "Five families have left us the past year, with as many the year before, taking with them more property than they have left behind in the church, and none have come to take their places as helpers." Another writes, "More than a dozen members of our congregation have lately left us. Our young people almost all leave us as soon as they grow up. There is nothing here for them to do." Another, "The most discouraging feature in this society is the removal from town of those who have been our most reliable sup-

porters." Another, "This church and society, which from the beginning has been weak, has lost by removals some of its most reliable members. Two have moved away who paid fifty dollars each for preaching, and others who paid smaller sums, and none have come to take their places." Another little church which is exalted above the hills overlooking us to-day, and which can poorly afford to spare a single member, writes, "Six members have left town within the year. If they do not return, the church will lose one fourth of its subscription." Another writes, "We have fewer members by eleven than a year ago, our membership being thereby reduced one fifth." Still another reports, "Seven families have left our congregation this spring, including our two deacons, our chorister, our Sabbath school Superintendent, and the three male members that were in the church when I came here. Every male member now in the church I have received." To this is appended the following cheering statement: "Those of the church who are left are determined to live and trust in God for direction and help." Ought not a church that parts with so much of her best blood to enrich the church at large, to be tenderly cared for, and nursed in her exhaustion till she can recover strength?

These statements reveal to us how it comes about that we have so many feeble churches, and the chronic cause of their weakness.

DISCRIMINATE AID.

But while they make clear our duty to help them, they by no means furnish any excuse for the bestowal upon them of any greater aid than will stimulate them to put forth, to help themselves, all the strength they have. There is a point beyond which pecuniary aid cannot be bestowed without injury. It does good only as it *encourages* the people to *exertion*, not when it saves them from it. When it permits them to shift off burdens they ought to bear, from their own, to others' shoulders, and ease themselves at the expense of others, it is changed from a blessing into a curse. It demoralizes a people, destroys manliness of character, and increases their weakness by making it moral as well as pecuniary.

It is a pitiable sight to see a parish, possessed of all the ordinary comforts of life, who, in regard to sustaining public worship, have talked over, among themselves, their own poverty till they have so lively and exaggerated a sense of it that they have come to pity themselves, and are ready to ask and take any amount of aid that they can get. A feeble church is benefited not so much by what the Missionary Society does for it, as by what, under the promise of help, it goes to work and does for itself. Its strength is increased, not by the bounties of others, but by the manly use of its own powers and resources.

LIBERAL HELP FOR THE WORTHY.

But while we seek to avoid, on the one hand, bestowing aid where the people would be better off if thrown upon their own resources, we need, on the other hand, to be sure that we give it generously where it is needed. Where a church has been shorn of its strength by emigration, is reduced to a little flock, poor in this world's goods, yet, if it is in a community not otherwise supplied with gospel privileges, and is willing to use liberally the little strength and means it has, it is a question whether, by the law of love, it is not *entitled* to aid from others sufficient to enable it to continue public worship. Some such churches we have who are ready to bear heavy burdens with cheerfulness, having reference to the recompense of reward. All honor to them! They have, in their struggles, the approval of heaven, and should have the sympathy and generous aid of the saints on earth.

There are a few churches that have been so weakened by recent removals that it is a serious problem whether they will be able, by the most liberal giving, to retain their pastors with the help of the largest appropriation that the Missionary Society has been accustomed to give. In such cases shall we stand by, like the priest and the Levite, and see a faithful pastor leave his flock to be scattered in the wilderness, and say to Christ's disciples, "As you are *so* poor that $200' aid will not enable you to sustain the preaching of the gospel, you must let your pastor leave, and do without it."

There is a little church having a settled pastor, that has had stated preaching for the past eight years, and has gathered a goodly number of young people into its fold. One of these, now a deacon, is engaged in business elsewhere, and expects to take his family with him. Another member has gone from them to engage in missionary work in a distant part of the State. Two other promising young men are fighting their way through difficulties to secure a liberal education, that they may be qualified to preach the gospel. Yet such have been the pecuniary losses experienced by this church in the removal of members, and such their want of means, that they have for several months been debating the question of giving up their pastor whom they love, because they cannot raise $400 to put with the $200 granted by the Missionary Society, to complete their pastor's salary of $600. Whose fault will it be if this and like churches are left to go down?

THE ITINERANT WORK

Has been prosecuted as in years past. Twenty-five laborers have been employed. In two fields, Braintree and Orange, the same students labored last year as the year before, with profit to the people. The congregation in Orange was very large, and there is

ground to hope that the young man who has been so successful there will return in the fall to remain a year at least. Laborers are now at work in Stratton, Wardsboro, Bridgewater, Pomfret, Orange, East Burke, Montgomery, and Ferrisburgh. Aid has been given the Swedish church in West Rutland in securing, a part of the year, the services of one who could speak to them in their own tongue.

COUNTY MISSIONARY.

Rev. O. C. Dickerson has continued to labor as County Missionary in Windham county through the entire year. His reports show that his labors have been most abundant and not in vain. The new church in Dover has been helped on its way. The one in Wardsboro has been quickened, and has made arrangements to hire for the year another man; while the one in Guilford, that seemed to have passed entirely out of our hands, has given symptoms of reviving.

It is difficult to tell which have been the most benefited by the county missionary work in Windham county, the *weak* or the *strong* churches. The weak churches have never been more faithfully looked after, and the stronger churches never have taken so deep an interest in doing for them. In addition to making about their usual contributions to our treasury, they have raised a thousand dollars toward the salary of the county missionary. Finding that giving to the poor saints did not impoverish them, they came to the rescue of the church in Jamaica, giving them $260 toward closing off a debt on their house of worship. Strengthened and made richer by that deed of love, they contributed $300 to save the parsonage to the church in Londonderry, giving to the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society a deed of it in trust for the church. The largest and wealthiest church in the county, which has for years past been drawing its members from these feeble churches, has taken the lead, as it became them, in this work and charity.

We are persuaded that in several counties in the State a similar work ought to be undertaken by the stronger churches, and that they would be blessed in doing it, besides furthering the cause of Christ in places where it is now neglected.

For the Directors,

C. S. SMITH, *Sec'y.*

RECEIPTS

OF THE

VERMONT DOMESTIC MISSIONARY SOCIETY,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 14, 1873.

	For Ordinary Department	For Emigrant Department	From Permanent Societies
ADDISON COUNTY.			
BRIDPORT—Church and society, Feb. 5	$72 00	$	$
CORNWALL—Church and society, Feb. 8, $54 25; Feb. 21, $5 00; Ladies' Cent Society, June 25, $20 00. June 5, $22 58	59 25	42 58	
MIDDLEBURY—Nov. 13, Ladies' Missionary Society, $81 00, to constitute Mrs. H. D. Kitchel and Miss Julia A. Beckwith Life Members of A. H. M. S.. March 11, church and society, $45 75; Mrs. Eliza M. Elmer, $50 00	95 75	81 00	
NEW HAVEN—Church and society, Dec. 2	27 30		
ORWELL—Church and society, March 6, to constitute Mrs. J. B. Clark a Life Member of A. H. M. S	52 00		
RIPTON—Church and society, Dec. 21	25 00		
SHOREHAM—Church and society, May 7	25 00		
VERGENNES—Church and society, June 10	38 50		
WEYBRIDGE—Church and society, June 27	68 65		
WHITING—Church and society, June 18	10 00		
BENNINGTON COUNTY.			
BENNINGTON—1st church and society, Nov. 21	42 40		
BENNINGTON—2d church and society, June 20	50 78		
DORSET—Church and society, Nov. 28	27 00		
MANCHESTER—Church and society, Nov. 14	30 00		
CALEDONIA COUNTY.			
BURKE EAST—Church and society, Sept. 18			156 00
DANVILLE—Church and society, June 13	25 85		
HARDWICK—Church and society, June 25, $29 50; June 13, $25 00	54 50		
PEACHAM—Church and society, Jan. 22, $26 11; Mrs. E. C. Chamberlin, $20 00	46 11		
ST. JOHNSBURY NORTH—Church and society, March 14, $81 15; Sept. 6, $39 78; May 31, Hon. Horace Fairbanks, $250 00	370 93		
ST. JOHNSBURY SOUTH—Church and society, July 23, $69 75; Sept. 11, $63 46; Dec. 5, $2 75; Dec. 17, $130 00; June 3, $102 18; May 31, Thaddeus Fairbanks, Esq., $500 00	268 14	600 00	
ST. JOHNSBURY—E. & T. Fairbanks & Co., May 31, $1,000 00	$1000		
CHITTENDEN COUNTY.			
BURLINGTON—1st church and society, June 26	219 00		
BURLINGTON—June 4, J. W. Hickok, Esq		100 00	
BURLINGTON—3d church and society, Dec. 20	75 62		
CHARLOTTE—Church and society, Jan. 21	33 00		
COLCHESTER—Church and society, June 8	15 00		
ESSEX CENTER—Church and society, Sept. 6	8 00		

CHITTENDEN COUNTY—*Continued.*	For Ordinary Department	For Itinerant Department	From Fraternal societies.
JERICHO CENTER—Church and society, July 25, $25 00; a Friend, $10 00; Ladies' Cent Society, $10 00	$ 35 00	$ 20 00	$
UNDERHILL—Church and society, Aug. 7, $19 10; Sept. 12, Ladies' Cent Society, $11 53; Jan. 31, Rev. E. P. Stone, $10 00	29 00	11 53	
WESTFORD—Ladies' Cent Society, June 18, $5 00; March 14, church and society, $21 00, to constitute J. S. Rice a Life Member	21 00	5 00	
ESSEX COUNTY.			
GRANBY—Church and society, June 4	17 00		
GUILDHALL—Church and society, June 4	15 00		
FRANKLIN COUNTY.			
ENOSBURGH—Church and society, June 12	7 00		
GEORGIA—Church and society, Jan. 30	10 00		
HIGHGATE—Church and society, June 13	20 00		
MONTGOMERY—Church and society, Aug. 27			28 00
SHELDON—Church and society, March 4	10 00		
ST ALBANS—1st church and society, Feb. 5	200 94		
SWANTON—Ladies' Cent Society, Aug. 24		15 00	
FRANKLIN AND GRAND ISLE—Conference, June 18		3 78	
LAMOILLE COUNTY.			
BELVIDERE—July 24			9 81
JOHNSON—Church and Society, Nov. 7	16 27		
STOWE—Ladies' Cent Society, May 27, $13 80; Feb. 21, church and society, $40 11	40 11	13 80	
WATERVILLE—Church and society, July 25, $52 00; April 17, a Friend, $5 00		5 00	52 00
LAMOILLE COUNTY—Conference, June 19		1 02	
ORANGE COUNTY.			
BRADFORD—Church and society, Sept. 18, $43 61; June 3, Ladies' Cent Society, $31 45	43 61	31 45	
BRAINTREE—Church and society, Aug. 27, $4 00; Sept. 9, $19 00; Rev. A. Nichols, $2 00		2 00	23 00
BROOKFIELD—1st church and society, Sept. 17	12 60		
BROOKFIELD—2d church and society, May 2	20 00		
CHELSEA—Church and society, March 17	25 00		
CORINTH—Church and society	20 00		
NEWBURY—Church and society, Sept. 3 $42 68; monthly coll. $15 32; Jan. 5, $7 50 May 5, $23 15; Nov. 25, Ladies' Cent Society, $26 70.	86 15	26 70	
NEWBURY WEST—Church and society, March 11	16 00		
ORANGE—Aug. 30			80 00
POST MILLS—Church and society, Aug. 14	8 85		
RANDOLPH—April 6, Mrs. Mary K. Nichols, bal. to constitute herself a Life Member	15 00		
RANDOLPH WEST—Church and society, Oct. 8	25 23		
STRAFFORD—Church and society, Sept. 4			138 95
THETFORD—Church and society, bal. to constitute Dea. Henry C. Fitch a Life Director of the A. H. M. S	50 00		
WELLS RIVER—Church and society, Nov. 3, to constitute Henry C. Janes and Mrs. Sally Smith Life Members of the A. H. M. S	60 00		
ORLEANS COUNTY.			
ALBANY—Church and society, Oct. 20	6 00		
BARTON Church and society, May 16, $19 00; June 7, Ladies' Cent Society, $20 00, to constitute Mrs. Mary B. Pierce a Life Member	19 00	20 00	
BROWNINGTON—Church and society, Aug. 10			122 05
CHARLESTON WEST—Church and society, May 28, $40 00; Ladies' Cent Society, $10 00	40 00	10 00	
COVENTRY—Church and society, March 5, $17 85; July 2, Ladies' Cent Society, $8 30	17 85	8 30	
CRAFTSBURY—Church and society, June 11	17 50		
GLOVER—Church and society, March 2	15 00		
GREENSBORO—Church and society, June 4	11 20		
IRASBURGH—Church and society, Oct 4	35 00		
NEWPORT—Church and society, May 27	10 25		
TROY—Church and society, Aug. 3	5 00		
TROY NORTH—Church and society, May 1	6 50		
WESTFIELD—Church and society, Aug. 3, $7 50; Jan. 6, $0 50	8 00		
ORLEANS COUNTY—Conference, Oct. 21		4 00	

	For Ordinary Department	For Itinerant Department	From Benevolent societies.
RUTLAND COUNTY.			
BRANDON—Church and society, June 12	$11 00	$	$
CASTLETON—Church and society, Nov. 11	86 73		
CLARENDON—Church and society, Nov. 5, to constitute Emma A. Smith a Life Member	39 20		
HUBBARDTON—Church and society, June 20, $31 25; June 3, $20 00	51 25		
MIDDLETOWN—Church and society, Aug. 14	5 00		
PITTSFORD—Church and society, Nov. 19, to constitute Rev. H. T. Hall and Charles Smith Life Members of A. H. M. S., and Richard M. Allen Life Member	81 80		
RUTLAND—Church and society, Aug. 6, $30 61; Dec. 26, $35 15; Mar. 4, $47 73; May 28, $43 50	156 99		
RUTLAND WEST—Sabbath school, Feb. 27, to constitute John H. Mead and Mary E. Chatterton Life Members of A. H. M. S	46 00		
SUDBURY—Church and society, June 10	25 00		
WALLINGFORD—Ladies' Cent Society, Nov. 8, $21 60; church and society, $88 07, of which from A. Walker, D. D., $30 00 to constitute Mrs. Lyman Batchellor a Life Member of the A. H. M. S	98 07	21 60	
WASHINGTON COUNTY.			
BARRE—Church and society, Oct. 16	30 30		
BERLIN—Church and society, Aug. 10	22 70		
BERLIN WEST—Church and society, June 9	30 00		
CALAIS EAST—Oct. 1			50 00
CABOT—Church and society, Dec. 30, $16 01; Mrs. O. Crosby, $20 00	36 01		
MARSHFIELD—Church and society, March 31	12 00		
MONTPELIER—Church and society, June 13	135 75		
NORTHFIELD—Church and society, Oct. 29, $16 91; Feb. 27, $11 36, to constitute H. H. Clough a Life Member of A. H. M. S.; Ladies' Circle, $10 00	39 90	10 00	
ROXBURY—Church and society, June 2	10 00		
WAITSFIELD—Church and society, June 5, $19 05; June 13, $3,50	22 55		
WATERBURY—Church and society, June 14	17 00		
WORCESTER—Church and society, Aug. 31, $10 00; June 13, $10 50	20 50		
WINDHAM COUNTY.			
BRATTLEBORO—Church and society Aug. 13	231 42		
BRATTLEBORO WEST—Church and society, Aug. 13	42 00		
CAMBRIDGEPORT—Church and society, May 27	5 20		
DOVER WEST—Church and society, May 1	11 25		
DUMMERSTON—Church and society, $20 00; Ladies' Cent Society, $0 00, to constitute Dea. A. A. Dutton a Life Member of A. H. M. S	20 00	20 00	
JAMAICA—Church and society, June 18, $8 30; May 31, $10 00	18 30		
GUILFORD EAST—Church and society, June 8			30 00
STRATTON—Church and society, Sept. 4			17 00
TOWNSHEND—Church and society, Aug. 13	22 00		
WARDSBORO SOUTH—Church and society, Aug. 6			73 60
WESTMINSTER EAST—Church and society, July 7	19 22		
WESTMINSTER WEST—Church and society, Aug. 13, $25 00; $4 21	29 21		
INDHAM COUNTY FOR COUNTY MISSIONARY.			
BRATTLEBORO EAST—Church and society		550 00	
DOVER—Church and society			100 00
SOUTH WARDSBORO—Church and society			50 00
OTHER CHURCHES		255 00	
FRIENDS		60 00	
WINDSOR COUNTY.			
ASCUTNEYVILLE—April 15, Mrs. O. A. Gage	5 00		
BETHEL—Church and society, Nov. 25	10 25		
BRIDGEWATER—Church and society, Sept 4			17 75
CHESTER—Church and society, June 25, $3 00; Nov. 14, Ladies' Cent Society, $30 00, to constitute Mrs. Ellen M. Church a Life Member of A H M S	13 00	30 00	
LUDLOW—Church and society, May 27	10 31		
NORWICH—Church and society, Sept. 4, M. C., $25 31; Jan. 8, $30 00; April, $15 00; May 24, J. G. Stimson, $100 00	120 31	50 00	
PITTSFIELD—Church and society, April 4	12 00		
ROCHESTER—Church and society, June 20	5 00		
ROYALTON—Church and society, Jan. 20	12 00		
ROYALTON SOUTH—Church and society, June 12	13 11		
SHARON—Church and society, June 11, $31 35; $20 00 of which to constitute Dr. Baxter a Life Member	31 35		
SPRINGFIELD—Church and society, July 9, $250 00, to constitute Mrs. Mary Caldwell, Mrs. L. W. Closson, Mrs. Kate L. Lawrence			

WINDSOR COUNTY—*Continued.*	For Ordinary Department	For Itinerant Department	From Feminine societies.
John C. Loveland, Mrs. Emma S. Merrill, Horace Messenger, Mrs. Marcia C. Messenger and Marvin D. Bisbee Life Members of A. H. M. S.; Sept. 7, Dea. C. Haywood, $5 00	255 00		
STOCKBRIDGE—Church and society, Feb. 12, $20 00; April 6, $15 00.	35 00		
WEATHERSFIELD CENTER—A mother's gift from a deceased son.	1 07		
WESTON—Church and society, March 1, $27 50, to constitute Dea. S. Peabody a Life Member. Feb. 13, Lucy P. Bartlett, in memory of her mother, $5 00	32 50		
WINDSOR—Church and society, Oct. 8, to constitute Geo. W. Thurston and F. W. Walker Life Members of A. H. M. S.	78 26		
WOODSTOCK—Church and society, July 9, $13 38; Nov. 8, $12 84; Jan. 8, $20 00; April 5, $10 41; March 7, Ladies' Cent Society, $26 38	56 63	26 38	
WINDSOR COUNTY—Conference, June 10		8 00	

OTHER RECEIPTS.

June	18.	Collection at Annual Meeting at Brattleboro	77 75	
Aug.	12.	Interest on Hopkins notes	150 00	
Aug.	12.	State of Maine Bonds—coupons	45 00	
Aug.	12.	Conn. & Pass. Rivers R. R. Bonds	85 86	
Aug.	31.	Conn. & Pass. Rivers R. R. Stock	66 00	
Sept.	12.	Refunded by A. T. Reed		24 00
Sept.	16.	Legacy of Mrs. Guild of McIndoes Falls	486 00	
Sept.	17.	Refunded by C. N. Fitch		2 00
Oct.	29.	J. Bowditch note and interest	177 00	
Jan.	22.	Ebenezer Davis note	300 00	
Jan.	22.	Conn. & Pass. Rivers R. R. Bonds	45 00	
Jan.	22.	State of Maine Bonds	45 00	
Jan.	22.	New Hampshire State Bonds	15 00	
		U. S. 5-20 Bonds	28 41	
Mar.	4.	Estate of C. W. Storrs	1421 01	
Mar.	4.	Butterfly's note and interest	415 35	
Feb.	7.	E. Davis note and interest	101 45	
May	31.	Estate of Hon. Erastus Fairbanks		500 00

☞ The moneys paid to the Secretary, at the Annual Meeting at Middlebury, came too late to be embraced in the above receipts, as the account for the year closed on the 15th of June. They will appear in the next annual report.

SCHEDULE

OF

TIME FOR TAKING CONTRIBUTIONS IN THE CHURCHES.

Counties.	January and February.	March and April.	May and June.	July and August.	September and October.	November and December.
Windham	Bible.	For. Miss.	H. Miss.	Education.	T. & C. Un.	Miss. Asso.
Windsor	Bible.	For. Miss.	H. Miss.	Education.	T. & C. Un.	Miss. Asso.
Orange	Miss. Asso.	Bible.	For. Miss.	H. Miss.	Education.	T. & C. Un.
Washington	Miss. Asso.	Bible.	For. Miss.	H. Miss	Education.	T. & C. Un.
Bennington	T. & C. Un.	Miss. Asso.	Bible.	For. Miss.	H. Miss.	Education.
Rutland	T. & C. Un.	Miss. Asso.	Bible.	For. Miss.	H. Miss.	Education.
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TREASURER'S REPORT.

J. C. EMERY, *Treasurer*,

In account with the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society

1873.		DEBIT.		
June	16.	To balance in Treasury June 15, 1872		$1,471 93
		To cash, Legacy of Mrs. Guild	$485 00	
		To cash contributed in Ordinary Department	5,861 36	
		To cash contributed in Itinerant Department	2,548 14	
		To cash contributed in Field	966 56	
		To cash received on notes, interest and dividends	2,890 08	
				12,751 14
				$14,223 07

CREDIT.		
By paid Secretary's orders—Ordinary Department	$5,830 76	
Itinerant Department	2,361 48	
Printing Report	174 86	
Rev. C. S. Smith, Secretary	1,200 00	
Expenses	200 00	
Stationery and Stamps	30 57	
State of N. H. Bond	506 33	
Expense to Barnet	9 50	
Expense to Brookfield	4 25	
Stationery and Stamps	21 00	
Wm. Richmond's note	528 58	
By balance in Treasury	3,355 70	
		$14,223 07

MONTPELIER, June 16, 1873.

I have this day examined the foregoing accounts of J. C. Emery, Treasurer of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society, and compared the vouchers therein charged, and find the same correct, and further I find in his hands to be hereafter accounted for, a balance of thirty-three hundred and fifty-five 70-100 dollars. ($3355 70)

J. A. PAGE, *Auditor.*

INVESTED FUNDS.

June 16, 1873. The following schedule comprises the stock and notes belonging to the V. D. M. Society, and is now in the hands of the Treasurer:

4 notes vs. H. S. Towner	$424 69	
5 notes vs Hopkins	2,500 00	
10 notes vs. T. A. Murry	1,000 00	
Court's decree vs. William Alvard, Jr.	892 98	
Wm. Richmond's note	500 00	
6 shares of stock in Montpelier Manufacturing Co.	600 00	
22 shares Conn. & Pass. Rivers R. R. stock	2,200 00	
1 Bond Conn. & Pass. Rivers R. R.	1,000 00	
1 Bond Conn. & Pass. Rivers R. R.	500 00	
1 State of Maine Bond	1,000 00	
1 State of Maine Bond	500 00	
1 State of New Hampshire Bond	500 00	
1 U. S. 5-20 Bond	500 00	
2 U. S. Bonds	200 00	
		$12,317 67

J. C. EMERY, *Treasurer.*

MONEYS SENT TO THE PARENT SOCIETY.

Receipts as acknowledged in the American Home Missionary during the year ending June 1, 1873, which have not passed through our treasury.

June, 1872.	BRADFORD—Ladies (freight)	$1 00
	GRAFTON—Mrs. S. B. Pettengill	3 00
	JOHNSON—Church	39 00
	NORTH DANVILLE—C. S. Morrill	10 00
	PEACHAM—A Friend	60 00
	SAXTON'S RIVER—E. H. Pettengill	6 50
	STOWE—R. A. Savage	20 00
	WATERBURY—L. Hutchins	100 00
July.	BENSON—E. Strong	3 00
	FRANKLIN—Church	20 00
	LUNENBURGH—Mr. Glines	50
	RUTLAND—Legacy of Alvin Tenney	282 22
	WELLS RIVER Church	27 00
	WOODSTOCK—Legacy of Miss Electa Montague	54 00
August.	LOWER WATERFORD—Church	32 73
September.	MIDDLEBURY—Legacy of Miss Lydia Ives	20 28
October.	BERLIN—Legacy of Rev. Truman Perrin	46 00
	THETFORD—Legacy of Dea. B. Frost	54 00
November.	CLARENDON—Legacy of Mrs. Polly Ewing	250 00
	ST. JOHNSBURY EAST—Church	60 00
December.	BRATTLEBORO—Mrs. H. F. Gulliver	10 00
	GEORGIA—Ladies' Sewing Society	3 00
	WELLS RIVER Church	30 00
Jan'y, 1873.	CHELSEA—Legacy of Mrs. Martha D. Bliss	166 40
	SPRINGFIELD—Ladies, (freight)	3 00
	THETFORD—Ladies, (freigh)	5 00
February.	WINDHAM—Martha P. Bou in	5 00
	WOODSTOCK—Ladies. (f eight)	6 00
March.	GEORGIA—Legacy of Susan G. Bliss	421 39
	GEORGIA—L. W. Gilbert	1 50
	MIDDLEBURY—H. D. Kitchel, D. D.	30 00
	NEW HAVEN—E. H. Hoyt	1 00
	PITTSFORD—Sabbath School Class, No. 12	10 00
	SPRINGFIELD—A Friend	10 00
	SWANTON—Church, (freight)	1 78
	VERMONT—U. Stevens	25 00
	WESTMINSTER—J. Chapin	10 00
	WEST WESTMINSTER—D. Goddard	10 00
	WILLIAMSTOWN—Church	7 50
April.	VERMONT—A Friend	2 00
	BROOKFIELD—2d church	22 50
	CHESTER—J. W. Moore	20 00
	NEW HAVEN—Mrs. E. H. Meacham	50 00
	NEW HAVEN—H. K. Hunt	25 00
	PEACHAM—Mrs. D. S. Chamberlin	100 00
	ST. JOHNSBURY SOUTH	88 99
	STOWE—Church and society	35 00
	VERGENNES—Legacy of Mrs. E. F. Smith	1,500 00
	VERMONT—A Friend	10 00
	WALLINGFORD—Mrs. H. Button, $10; Mrs. A. Walker, $5	15 00
	BERLIN—Legacy of Rev. T. Perrin	224 34
	WEST HAVEN—H. K. Hunt	25 00
		$4,356 63

RULES ADOPTED BY THE DIRECTORS,

JUNE 17, 1873.

RULE 1. Churches, asking for aid, must first subscribe one hundred and twenty-five per cent on their grand list, unless in very exceptional cases.

RULE 2. No church in debt for past ministerial services shall receive aid.

RULE 3. Appropriations shall not be made for a longer period than twelve months, and shall not, except in special cases, date back of the time of application.

RULE 4. Applications shall be signed by a committee of the church asking for aid. They shall also be endorsed by the Association, within whose bounds they arise, or by a committee of such body.

RULE 5. Every application must contain an answer to the following questions, viz:

(1.) Name of minister employed?
(2.] Number of members of the church?
(3.) Usual attendance on public worship?
(4.) Amount of the grand list of the church?
(5.) Amount actually subscribed by the church for preaching?
(6.) Amount subscribed by those not members of the church?
(7.) Is aid expected from any other source?
(8.) Least amount of aid that will suffice from this Society?
(9.) Is the church in debt for past ministerial services? If so, how much? and to whom?
(10.) From what date is aid asked?

RULE 6. On the expiration of an appropriation, if aid is still needed, a new application must be made, containing an explicit answer to *all* of the above questions.

RULE 7. All missionaries, when required, shall furnish satisfactory testimonials of church and ministerial standing.

RULE 8. A statistical report shall be made by each missionary before the first of June, of each year, or when he leaves his field, if it is before the close of the Society's year.

RULE 9. Missionaries shall not be entitled to receive payments from this Society till they have made a written report to the Secretary, of their services for the period for which such payment is due. Those who wish quarterly payments must make quarterly reports.

RULE 10. Missionaries must reside with the people to whom they preach. If they serve two or more churches they must live with one of them.

RULE 11. The Secretary shall engage itinerant laborers, as may be needed, for destitute fields, who shall be guaranteed eight dollars per week, and their fare one way, not to exceed twelve dollars. The people with whom they labor shall, in all cases, provide board, and pay as large a part of the salary as possible.

Churches receiving aid are requested to arrange, as far as practicable, their contracts with their ministers so that their year may commence with the first of June, in order that all applications, for the renewal of grants, may be made before the annual meeting.

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VERMONT EDUCATION SOCIETY.

THE Vermont Education Society held its Fifty-Third Annual Meeting at Middlebury, June 18, 1873, the Treasurer, Dea. C. F. THOMPSON, presiding,

Prayer was offered by Rev. ALDACE WALKER, D. D.

Rev. Messrs. C. M. SOUTHGATE, W. S. HAZEN, and O. C. DICKERSON, were appointed to nominate officers for the ensuing year.

The report of the Treasurer was read and accepted.

The report of the Directors was read by the Secretary, and accepted.

Interesting and spirited addresses were then made by Prof. WEBBER and Rev. Messrs. C. B. HULBERT, C. C. TORREY, Dr. WALKER, and N. MIGHILL.

The Nominating Committee presented the names of the following persons for officers, and they were elected:

President—Rev. H. D. KITCHEL, D. D.

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On motion, adjourned.

Attest, C. W. THOMPSON, *Secretary.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

THE Treasurer's Report shows receipts from the churches for the year ending June 14, 1873, as follows:

Church and Society,	Woodstock	$88 28
" "	North Craftsbury	5 00
" "	Northfield	10 14
" "	Bellows Falls	21 98
" "	Chester	12 50
" "	Windsor	9 28
" "	Enosburgh	10 00
" "	Newbury	35 00
" "	Bennington Center	13 66
" "	Greensboro	10 00
" "	Brattleboro (Center Church)	131 85
" "	Burlington (White Street)	18 68
" "	Manchester	12 12
" "	Swanton	16 00
" "	Charlotte	15 00
" "	Stowe	5 00
" "	St. Albans	81 80
" "	Orwell	13 50
" "	Chelsea	11 00
Rev. A. Stevens,	West Westminster	5 00
		$565 28

To the Parent Society:

Berlin church and society	$3 61	
Middlebury church and society	28 04	
Sharon church and society	4 32	
Sheldon church and society	7 42	
St. Johnsbury, friends in	300 00	
Westford	12 00	
		355 39
From the estate of Mrs. Ann E. F. Smith of Vergennes, by J. D. Vermilye, Esq., Executor	1,000 00	
From the church in Springfield, paid direct to a student	135 00	
		1,135 00
Whole amount		$2,055 67

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ABBREVIATIONS.

P.....Pastor.
A. P.....Acting Pastor.
W. C....Without Charge.
L.....Licentiate.
T.....Teacher.
M.....Missionary.
Pr.....Professor.
Sec.....Secretary.

A.....Addison.
B.....Bennington.
Ca.....Caledonia.
Cn.....Chittenden.
E.....Essex.
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Merrill, Ch. H.	West Brattleboro	A. P.	Wm.	
Mighill, Nathaniel	Brattleboro	P.	Wm.	Wm.
Miller, R. Dexter	West Newbury	A. P.	Oe.	Oe.
Montgomery, G. F.	Marash	M.		Le.
Morgan, Stillman	Bristol	W. C.	A.	
Munsill, J. R.	Franklin	A. P.	F.G.	N.W.
Myrick, Osborne	Middletown	A. P.	Rd.	Rd.
Nichols, Ammi	Braintree	W. C.	Oe.	Oe.
Olmsted, F. W.	East Townshend	A. P.	Wm.	Wm.
Paine, Sewell	Montgomery Cen.	W. C.	F.G.	N.W.
Palmer, W. S	Wells River	P.	Oe.	Oe.
Partridge, L. C.	Salisbury	A. P.	A.	
Perkins, Benj. F.	Stowe	A. P.	Le.	Le.
Parmalee, M. P.	Turkey	M.		
Perkins, S. K. B.	Glover	P.	Os.	Os.
Phelps, Fred B.	Lowell	P.	Os.	Os.

Name.	Post Office.	Relation.	Conf.	Assoc.
Pratt, Horace	Northfield	W. C.		M.
Pease, Aaron G	Rutland	W. C.		....
Pratt, Parsons S	Dorset	P.	B.	B.
Ranney, T. E	North Troy	A. P.	Os.	Ca.
Ranslow, Eugene J	Swanton	A. P.	F.G.	N.W.
Redfield, Charles	Plainfield	A. P.	Wn.	....
Rowley, C. H	Sheldon	A. P.	F.G.	....
Rustedt, Henry F	Sudbury	A. P.	Rd.	Rd.
Safford, Geo. B	Burlington	P.	Cn.	Wi.
Samuel, Robert	Weston	A. P.	Wr.	....
Seabury, Edwin	Berlin	A. P.	Wn.	M.
Searle, Richard T	Thetford	P.	Oe.	Oe.
Samson, A. J	St. Albans	W. C.		....
Seaton, Chas. M	Colchester	A. P.	Cn.	Wi.
Severance, M. L	Orwell	P.	A.	A.
Sewall, William	Norwich	P.	Wr.	W.R.
Smith, Azro A	Irasburgh	A. P.	Os.	Os.
Smith, Chas. S	Montpelier	Sec. V.D.M.S.	Wn.	M.
Smith, Bezaleel	West Hartford	A. P.	Wr.	W.R.
Smith, Eben	Middlebury	W. C.		....
Somerville, W. C	Newport	A. P.	Os.	....
Southgate, C. M	St. Johnsbury	P.	Ca.	Ca.
Steele, John	Middlebury	W. C.	A.	A.
Stevens, Alfred	West Westminster.	P.	Wm.	Wm.
Stone, Ed. P	Underhill	A. P.	Cn.	Wi.
Stone, George	North Troy	W. C.	Os.	Os.
Stone, Levi H	Castleton	W. C.	Rd.	Rd.
Stone, James P	Highgate	A. P.	F.G.	N.W.
Stone, John F	Montpelier	A. P.	Wn.	M.
Swift, Alfred B	Enosburgh	A. P.	F.G.	N.W.
Tenney, Leonard	Barre	A. P.	Wn.	M.
Thayer, W. W	St. Johnsbury	W. C.	Ca.	Ca.
Thompson, C. W	Danville	P.	Ca.	Ca.
Thyng, John W	Guildhall	A. P.	E.	....
Tilden, Lucius L	Washington, D. C.	W. C.		Rd.
Tolman, Geo. B	Brookfield	A. P.	Oe.	N.W.
Torrey, Charles C	Charlotte	P.	Cn.	Wi.

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ACT OF INCORPORATION.

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

SEC. 1. Jonathan Clement, H. F. Leavitt, Aldace Walker, Harvey D. Kitchel, M. H. Buckham, William H. Lord, Charles S. Smith, Alfred Stevens, Joseph Chandler, Joseph Torrey, Julius Converse, Franklin Fairbanks, John A. Page, L. L. Dutcher, James W. Hickok, and their associates, who shall be the members of the General Convention of Congregational Ministers and Churches of Vermont, and which members shall continue such associates for one year from the time of the adjournment of the convention of which they are members, and till others become members in their stead, are hereby constituted a corporation and body politic by the name of the General Convention of Congregational Ministers and Churches of Vermont; and by that name may sue and be sued; may have a common seal; and shall have all the rights, powers, and privileges of a corporation, for the purpose of receiving, taking care of and managing all funds, property and money which have heretofore, or may hereafter, come to the care, control, management, custody, or ownership of said convention, or any trustee, officer, or person for said convention, by whatever form or mode said funds, property, or money may have been, or may hereafter be conveyed, given, transferred, bequeathed or devised to such convention, or to the denomination of Christians called and known by the name of Congregationalists, or any branch thereof.

SEC. 2. The first meeting of said corporation shall be called by two or more of the persons named in the first section of this act, and which meeting shall be at the time and place of the next general convention of Congregational ministers and churches of Vermont, a notice of which meeting shall be published at least three successive weeks in the *Vermont Chronicle*, published at Windsor, Vermont.

SEC. 3. At said meeting and all other annual meetings of said corporation shall be chosen a president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and five trustees, who shall hold their respective offices one year, and till others are chosen or appointed.

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SEC. 4. The president, vice-president, and secretary shall respectively perform the offices usually performed by such officers, and such as may be imposed upon them by the by-laws. The secretary also shall call all meetings under the direction of the trustees, and also when at least three members shall, in writing, request a special meeting to be called. All meetings of the corporation shall be called and notified by publishing the same in one or more newspapers in the State, one of which shall be the *Vermont Chronicle*, unless otherwise ordered by the by-laws of the corporation or by the trustees. The treasurer, except where otherwise ordered by the corporation, shall receive all moneys, funds, property and assets of every description belonging to, entrusted, or in any way committed to the care or custody of the corporation, and be responsible for the same, and shall disburse, pay over and deliver, as shall from time to time be ordered by the trustees or a majority of them; he shall at least once a year make a full and true statement and report of the financial condition of the corporation, therein designating the kind or class of funds, and for what purpose donated, bequeathed or held; he shall also exhibit all books, vouchers and papers to said trustees whenever requested by them, and shall furnish statements and copies whenever requested by them upon reasonable notice; he shall, if requested by the trustees, give bonds with sufficient sureties to the acceptance of the trustees, for the faithful discharge of his duties as treasurer. Whenever a vacancy shall happen in the office of treasurer, such vacancy shall be supplied by appointment of the trustees till the next annual meeting of the corporation, or till appointed by vote of the corporation. The trustees shall have the general oversight of the interests and prudential affairs of the corporation; shall see that all funds, moneys, and other property are faithfully preserved, taken care of, and administered as shall be most for the interest of the corporation, and in accordance with the wishes of testators and donors: they shall perform all acts and discharge all duties not assigned to any other officer by these articles of association, or by the by-laws made in pursuance thereof. If any vacancy shall occur in the board of trustees, such vacancy shall be supplied by appointment by the surviving trustees till an election by the corporation.

SEC. 5. At any annual meeting of the corporation, by-laws may be established or altered, not inconsistent with this charter or the laws of this State.

SEC. 6. This act shall be under the control of any future legislature, and shall take effect from its passage.

Approved, November 21, 1871.

Adopted by the Convention June 18, 1873.

CONSTITUTION.

OBJECT.

ART. 1. The object of the Convention is to promote the harmony, fellowship and efficiency of the churches, and their coöperation in Christian work.

DOCTRINAL STANDARD.

ART. 2. The Convention receives as articles of faith the doctrines of Christianity as they are for substance stated in the Declaration of Faith of the Boston Council of 1865; these doctrines are understood by us to be those which from the beginning have been received by the Congregational Churches of New England.

COMPOSITION OF THE CONVENTION.

ART. 3. Every association of ministers in the State receiving these doctrines is entitled to two delegates in the Convention; each Association having eight ordained resident ministers, three delegates; and for every four additional members, an additional delegate. Every County Conference of Churches receiving the same faith is entitled to three delegates, one of whom may be a minister. The minister of the parish where the meeting is held, appointees of the previous meeting who perform the duties assigned them, members of boards appointed by the Convention, and officers of benevolent societies whose annual meetings are held in connection with the meetings of the Convention, shall be members.

OFFICERS.

ART. 4. The officers of the convention as prescribed by the act of incorporation are a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and five Trustees, to be chosen annually, and to hold their respective offices from the final adjournment of the meeting at which they are chosen to the close of the next annual meeting. There shall also be appointed at each annual meeting, two or more Boards of five each, to have the care of funds or any valuable interests entrusted to the Convention for the ensuing year:—a Scribe, Assistant Scribe, and an Auditor

of the accounts of the Treasurer of the Convention, and of the several Boards having the management of funds, to serve at and during the meeting at which they are appointed;—and once in five years, commencing with 1875, there shall also be appointed a corresponding Secretary for the Convention, and Reporters of statistics, and Receivers of assessments for the several Conferences of Churches.

DUTIES OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

ART. 5. It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary, at the proper time, to furnish the Reporters with a copy of the schedule prepared for collecting statistics under the direction of the Convention: to arrange the statistical parts of the reports when returned, for publication; and from the facts reported to present to the Convention during its session a condensed account of the state and progress of religion in the churches during the year.

DUTIES OF REPORTERS.

ART. 6. It shall be the duty of the Reporters, each for his own Conference, to make report for the year ending the first Sabbath of May, agreeably to the blank schedule furnished them. These reports shall be forwarded to the Corresponding Secretary at least two weeks previous to the meeting of the Convention. In case of the absence of any Reporter the duty of reporting shall devolve on the Register of the Conference.

TIME OF MEETING.

ART. 7. The Convention shall meet annually on the third Tuesday of June, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

AMENDMENTS.

ART. 8. These articles shall not be altered except at an annual meeting and by vote of two thirds of the members present.

Adopted June 17, 1874.

RULES OF BUSINESS AND ORDER.

1. To facilitate the preparing of the roll members of the Convention are required to hand their certificates of membership to the Secretary, or to the Minister of the parish as soon as practicable after reaching the place of meeting. No person shall be enrolled without credentials, unless by vote of the Convention.

2. The annual meeting of the Convention shall be opened with a sermon. At the close of the sermon the President, or in his absence the Vice President, shall take the chair, lead in prayer, call for the reading of the roll, and for the election of a Scribe and Assistant Scribe, when the docket of business prepared by the Secretary shall be read. In the absence of both President and Vice President, the Secretary shall call the meeting to order, and after reading the roll shall call for the election of a President *pro tempore*, who shall be chosen by ballot, and shall preside till the President or Vice President shall arrive, or till the close of the session.

3. The stated public exercises after the organization shall be as follows:

Tuesday Afternoon—Report of the Corresponding Secretary on the state of religion; and reports of delegates from bodies with which we are in correspondence.

Tuesday Evening.—Discussion—introduced by the brethren appointed. Those opening the discussion are limited to twenty minutes each, and those following to ten minutes.

Wednesday Morning.—Anniversary of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society.

Wednesday Afternoon.—Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, to be followed by an essay.

Wednesday Evening.—Anniversary of the Vermont Education Society, and addresses by representatives of such of our coöperative benevolent societies as the Convention by special vote may admit.

Thursday Morning.—Business meeting of the Convention and Sabbath School Anniversary.

4. The Committees to be appointed at each meeting are as follows: A Business Committee, through which all business not provided

for in the Docket shall be brought before the Convention. A Nominating Committee, to nominate the officers provided for in the Act of Incorporation and in the Constitution, and the delegates to corresponding bodies. A Finance Committee, to make assessments upon the Conferences. A Committee on Devotional Exercises, of which the Minister of the parish shall be the chairman. A Committee of Arrangements for the next annual meeting, whose duty it shall be to recommend the place for such meeting, nominate the preacher and substitute, select topics for the discussion and essay, and nominate persons to open the discussion and prepare the essay, with substitutes for each. These and all other committees, unless the Convention shall otherwise order, are to be nominated by the presiding officer in connection with the Secretary.

5. The meetings of the Convention each morning shall be opened with prayer, when the Scribe shall call the roll of members and read the minutes of the preceding day.

6. The President shall preserve order and decorum in the body, and when he takes part in any discussion shall leave the chair and address the Secretary.

7. No person shall speak more than twice upon any question, except by unanimous consent and after every other member who desires shall have spoken; and then the mover in the matter pending shall be permitted to speak in reply.

8. Every motion, except for adjournment, shall be reduced to writing if the President or any two members desire it. No motion shall be acted on till seconded.

9. If any member in debating or otherwise shall transgress the rules of order or of propriety, the President shall by his own authority, or at the request of any member, call him to order; and if a question shall arise concerning his being in order, it shall be decided without debate by an appeal to the body.

10. Where two or more persons rise to speak at once, the President shall name the one who is first to speak.

11. No motion committed to writing shall be finally decided upon until it shall have had three several readings, if any member calls for it.

12. When a question is under debate no motion shall be received but to adjourn, to lay on the table, for the previous question, to postpone to a stated time, to commit, to amend, or to postpone indefinitely, which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are here arranged. On a motion for adjournment, for laying on the table, for indefinite postponement, or for the previous question, there shall be no debate.

13. If the report of a committee contains only matters of fact for information, or of argument for the consideration of the Convention, the question is, *Shall the report be accepted?* And that question, unless superseded by a motion to reject, to recommit, to postpone or to lay on the table, shall be taken *without debate.* Such report if accepted is placed upon the files of the Convention but not entered on the Minutes.

14. If a report is in, or terminates with the form of a vote, resolution, or declaration expressing the judgment or testimony of the Convention, the question shall then be taken on the *adoption* of the report, If adopted, the vote, resolution or declaration is entered on the minutes.

15. On the report of a Treasurer of a Board of Trustees or Directors, or of a Committee or other agent empowered to act for the Convention, the question is, *Shall the report be accepted and approved?* which question may be divided if a division is called for.

16. Members who may find it necessary to leave before the close of the meeting are expected to give notice of the fact to the President.

17. If it becomes necessary to change the place of the annual meeting, it shall be the duty of the Secretary in consultation with the President and Vice President to select a place.

These By-laws and Rules shall not be subject to alteration except by the consent of two thirds of the members present at an annual meeting.

Approved, June 17 and 18, 1874.

THE GENERAL CONVENTION.

The Convention meets on the third Tuesday in June, annually. Its doctrinal standard is the Declaration of Faith of the Boston Council of 1865. It is constituted as follows:

Every Association in the State holding this faith may send two delegates, and if it has eight ordained resident ministers, it may send three, and an additional delegate for every additional four members. Every County Conference of like faith may send three delegates, one of whom may be a minister. The permanent officers of the Convention, the Preacher, Minister of the Parish where the Convention is held, appointees of the previous meeting who perform the duties assigned them, Members of Boards appointed by the Convention and Officers of Benevolent Societies whose annual meetings are held in connection with the meetings of the Convention, are members *ex-officiis*. The officers of the Convention are chosen annually except the Corresponding Secretary, who is elected for five years; the next election being in 1875. The Vermont Domestic Missionary Society and the Vermont Education Society hold their Anniversaries in connection with the meeting of the Convention.

OFFICERS, COMMITTEES,

AND

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE NEXT ANNUAL MEETING.

OFFICERS OF THE GENERAL CONVENTION.

President—REV. HENRY FAIRBANKS, St. Johnsbury.
Vice-President—DEA. C. F. THOMPSON, Brattleboro.
Secretary—REV. JOSEPH CHANDLER, Saxton's River.
Treasurer—J. C. EMERY, ESQ., Montpelier.
Corresponding Sec'y—REV. C. M. SOUTHGATE, St. Johnsbury.
Trustees—THADDEUS FAIRBANKS, ESQ., REV. ALDACE WALKER, D. D., J. G. STIMSON, ESQ., J. A. PAGE, ESQ., REV. A. STEVENS, D. D.
Secretary of Sunday Schools—REV. P. B. FISK, Lyndonville.

OFFICERS OF THE VERMONT DOMESTIC MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

President—DEA. C. F. THOMPSON, Brattleboro.
Vice President—DEA. E. P WALTON, Montpelier.
Secretary—REV. CHARLES S. SMITH, Montpelier.
Treasurer—J. C. EMERY, ESQ., Montpelier.

OFFICERS OF THE VERMONT EDUCATION SOCIETY.

President—REV. M. H. BUCKHAM, Burlington.
Vice Presidents—HON. FREDERICK BILLINGS, Woodstock. PROF. E. H. HIGLEY.
Secretary—REV. C. W. THOMPSON, Danville.
Treasurer—DEA. C. F. THOMPSON, Brattleboro.

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES.

Fairbanks Board of Education—Rev. E. T. Fairbanks, Rev. Aldace Walker, D. D., Rev. Henry Fairbanks, J. C. Emery, Esq., Rev. J. Torrey.

Fairbanks Board for the Relief of Ministers—Rev. E. P. Hooker. Thaddeus Fairbanks, Esq., J. G. Stimson, Esq., C. F. Thompson, Esq., Charles N. Haywood, Esq.

Addison Conference— ——— ———.

Bennington Conference—Rev. A. B. LAMBERT, D. D.

Caledonia Conference—Rev. N. R. NICHOLS, Rev. H. T. FULLER.

Chittenden Conference—Rev. E. P. STONE, L. C. BUTLER, M. D., Bro. A. PARTRIDGE.

Essex and Coos Conference— ——— ———.

Franklin and Grand Isle Conference—Bro. J. W. NEWTON, Dea. B. N. BAKER.

Lamoille Conference—Rev. G. H. FRENCH, Dea. R. A. SAVAGE.

Orange Conference—Rev. C. M. WINCH, Bro. C. E. ABBOTT, Dea. U. A. CLARK.

Orleans Conference—Bro. J. M. DUTTON, Dea. A. P. DUTTON.

Rutland Conference—Rev. J. F. AIKEN, LORENZO SHELDON, M. D.

Washington Conference—Rev. L. TENNEY, Dea. JOSEPH POLAND, Bro. C. E. ELLIS.

Windham Conference—E. H. PETTINGILL, M. D.

Windsor Conference—Rev. A. B. LYON, Dea. JOHN DUTTON, Bro. JOSEPH SEGUR.

MEMBERS EX-OFFICIIS.

Vice President—Rev. M. H. BUCKHAM.

Secretary—Rev. J. CHANDLER.

Treasurer—J. G. STIMSON, Esq.

Corresponding Secretary—Rev. J. TORREY.

Preacher—Rev. WM. H. LORD, D. D.

Minister of the Parish—Rev. W. S. HAZEN.

Secretary of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society—Rev. CHARLES S. SMITH.

Director—Rev. G. B. SAFFORD.

Secretary of the Vermont Education Society—Rev. C. W. THOMPSON.

Director—Rev. A. STEVENS, D. D.

Sunday School Secretary—Rev. WM. S. PALMER.

Appointees of the last Meeting—Rev. E. E. HERRICK, Rev. C. B. HULBERT.

Fairbanks Board for Relief of Ministers—Dea. C. F. THOMPSON.

Fairbanks Education Board—Rev. A. WALKER, D. D., Rev. HENRY FAIRBANKS, J. C. EMERY, Esq.

MINUTES.

The General Convention of Congregational Ministers and Churches of Vermont met with the Congregational Church of Northfield, June 16th, 1874.

The opening sermon was preached by Rev. W. H. Lord, D. D., from Acts i. 8.

The following delegates presented their credentials and were enrolled as members:

Addison Association—Rev. S. W. Magill, Rev. E. P. Hooker, Rev. Wm. N. Bacon.

Bennington Association— ——— ———

Caledonia Association—Rev. A. W. Wild, Rev. M. P. Wells, Rev. J. P. Humphrey, Rev. J. S. Whitman, Rev. P. B. Fisk.

Lamoille Association—Rev. V. M. Hardy, Rev. H. Herrick.

Lancaster Association— ——— ———

Montpelier Association—Rev. J. F. Stone, Rev. J. H. Babbitt, Rev. N. F. Cobleigh, Rev. A. Ladd.

North Western Association—Rev. E. W. Hatch, Rev. James P. Stone.

Orange Association—Rev. L. H. Elliot, Rev. S. L. Bates.

Orleans Association—Rev. W. C. Somerville, Rev. E. P. Wild, Rev. A. A. Smith, Rev. F. B. Phelps, Rev. T. E. Ranney.

Royalton Association—Rev. S. W. Dike, Rev. H. J. Colwell, Rev. Wm. A. Bushee.

Rutland Association—Rev. N. P. Gilbert, Rev. R. T. Hall.

White River Association—Rev. Wm. Sewall, Rev. J. Clement, D. D.

Windham Association—Rev. L. Grout, Rev. C. H. Merrill.

Windsor Association—Rev. R. T. Searle, Rev. J. G. Hale.

Winooski Association—Rev. C. M. Seaton, Rev. J. K. Converse. Rev. G. P. Byington, Rev. Austin Hazen.

Rev. C. W. Thompson, delegate to the Methodist Episcopal Conference at Danville, presented his report.

Rev. Aldace Walker, D. D., presented the report of the committee appointed last year to revise the constitution. Report accepted and laid upon the table. Business of the hour taken up.

The Corresponding Secretary, Rev. J. Torrey, read his report on the state of the churches. Report accepted and ordered to be printed in the Minutes.

J. G. Stimson, Esq., read the following communication:

To the General Convention of Congregational Ministers and Churches of Vermont:

The undersigned, Executors of the last Will and Testament of Lyman J. McIndoe, late of Windsor, deceased on December 24, A. D. 1873, respectfully notify you that accompanied with the proviso that, "without the avails of the subscription list and good will of the *Vermont Chronicle* his estate proves sufficient to meet certain legacies to his wife and children," the following item exists in his will, as approved by Probate Court for the District of Windsor, Jan. 17, 1874, viz:

"I give and bequeath the subscription list and good will of the paper called the *Vermont Chronicle*—a newspaper now owned and published by me at Windsor, Vermont—to the General Convention of Congregational Ministers and Churches of Vermont, to be continued and published as an organ for the Congregational Churches of Vermont, or Vermont and New Hampshire, but always to be printed in the State of Vermont, provided said Convention signify to my executors their acceptance of this bequest within six months after my decease, and their being duly notified; and if they do accept they may come in possession on the first of January following their acceptance."

Of your pleasure respecting the aforesaid bequest we await your official notification.

Very truly yours, &c.,

ABBY B. McINDOE, } *Executors.*
FRANKLIN BUTLER, }

Windsor, Vt., March 16, 1874.

Voted that this paper be referred to a Committee of one from each Conference to be nominated by the Chair.

The Treasurer of the Fairbanks Board for the relief of ministers reported as follows:

TREASURER'S REPORT OF THE FAIRBANKS FUND FOR THE RELIEF OF NEEDY AND DESTITUTE CLERGYMEN.

Fairbanks Fund for the Relief of Ministers,
In account with J. G. STIMSON, *Treasurer.*

1873.	CREDIT.	
June 20.	By balance in Treasury as per Auditor's Report,	$315 69
1874.		
Jan. 15.	By cash paid back to Fund by Rev. C. B. Drake, D. D.,	100 00

June 16.	By interest received on notes and moneys the last year,		$489 00
	By two years' interest overdue on J. Somerville's notes,		375 50
			$1,280 19

1874. DEBIT.

June 16.	To appropriations to nine beneficiaries the last year,	$650 00	
	To drafts and postage	4 00	
	To J. Somerville's interest, overdue.	375 50	
	To cash in treasury,	250 69	
			$1,280 19

The Fund now consists of the original	$10,000 00	
Legacy from estate of Mrs. Ann E. Smith,	900 00	
Tennessee State Bonds—with coupons (interest) from July 1st, 1870, for indigent ministers *and their families*,	5,000 00	
		$15,900 00

All, except said bonds, is well secured by land mortgages, exclusive of buildings.

J. G. STIMSON, *Treasurer.*

I have examined the account of Treasurer Stimson, and find a balance in his hands of $250 69.

GEO. H. CRANE, *Auditor.*

Northfield, June 16, 1874.

Dr. Lord here took the chair.

The report was accepted.

Moneys received for Widows and Orphans,
In account with J. G. STIMSON, *Treasurer.*

1873. CREDIT.

June 18.	By balance in treasury as per Auditor's report,	$159 20	
July 18.	By cash of Cong. Church, Peacham,	12 74	
Sept. 27.	By cash of Mrs. A. L. Davidson, for Mrs. N. M. Leavitt,	10 00	
1874.			
April 18.	By cash of the third Cong. Church, Burlington,	12 38	
	By treasury overdrawn,	3 68	
			$198 00

1874. DEBIT.

June 16.	To appropriation last year to three beneficiaries,	$197 00	
	To drafts and postage stamps.	1 00	
			$198 00

J. G. STIMSON, *Treasurer.*

Having examined the above statement I find it correct, and a balance due J. G. Stimson, Treasurer, of $3.68.

GEO. H. CRANE, *Auditor.*

Northfield, June 16, 1874.

The report of the Committee on Revision of the Constitution was called from the table. After some discussion and suggestions the report was again tabled.

The Chair nominated the following persons for a committee on the bequest of the *Vermont Chronicle*, and they were duly elected:

Addison Conference—REV. E. P. HOOKER.
Bennington Conference—REV. A. LAMBERT, D. D.
Caledonia Conference—REV. A. W. WILD.
Chittenden Conference—REV. J. K. CONVERSE.
Franklin and Grand Isle Conference—DEA. B. N. BAKER.
Orleans Conference—REV. A. A. SMITH.
Lamoille Conference—REV. H. HERRICK.
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Rutland Conference—REV. A. WALKER, D. D.
Washington Conference—DEA. J. POLAND.
Windham Conference—REV. A. STEVENS, D. D.
Windsor Conference—REV. J. G. HALE.

The Chair nominated the following persons to act as a committee to nominate officers for the Convention, and they were elected: Dea. C. F. Thompson, Rev. A. Stevens, Rev. J. Torrey.

The Committee on Overtures presented the following:

Resolved, That the Convention adjourn at 12 M. on Wednesday to listen to an address from Rev. Dr. N. G. Clark, one of the Secretaries of the American Board, on the present exigencies of the Foreign Missionary Work.

Voted to accept and adopt the resolution.

Convention united in singing

"Sow in the morn thy seed."

Prayer was offered by Rev. W. A. Bushee.

SUSTENTATION FUND.

The Treasurer of the Pastoral Sustentation Fund reported as follows:

Sustentation Fund, in account with C. F. THOMPSON, *Treasurer.*

CREDIT.

Received from	Fairfield,	$13 50
"	East Dorset,	4 50
"	South Wardsboro,	10 00
"	West Dover,	25 00
"	Central Church, Brattleboro,	164 77

Received from	Rutland,	$640 00	
"	Danby,	20 00	
"	Glover,	31 00	
"	St. Albans,	193 31	
"	Wallingford,	23 35	
"	West Brattleboro,	52 30	
"	Lowell,	25 00	
"	St. Johnsbury, South Church,	100 00	
"	Wilmington,	28 75	
"	Weston,	25 00	
"	Royalton,	33 00	
"	Swanton,	21 00	
"	Benson,	14 20	
"	Springfield,	143 50	
"	St. Johnsbury, North Church,	202 59	
"	Barnet,	35 00	
"	Burlington, 3d Cong. Church,	29 70	
"	Ludlow,	31 00	
"	Ascutneyville,	7 00	
			$1,873 47

DEBIT.

Paid to Church in	Danby,	$122 00	
" "	Glover,	144 49	
" "	Lowell,	200 00	$466 49
Balance on hand,			$1,406 98

I have examined the within statement and find it correct, and find a balance in the Treasurer's hands of $1,406 98.

GEO. H. CRANE, *Auditor.*

Northfield, June 16, 1874.

Voted to accept and adopt the report.

Rev. Henry Fairbanks being called upon to make statements regarding the work of Pastoral Sustentation, reported as follows:

For the work of Pastoral Sustentation, contributions to the amount of $1,873 47 have been received from twenty-four churches, this sum including the amount received from churches applying for aid. Of those so applying nine have been accepted, and to them aid has been pledged to the amount of $2,705 a year. Of these nine churches, three had pastors, but one of these would have been obliged to leave, without this aid; five have installed pastors with reference to receiving this aid, and another is prepared to do so. Thus early in our work we are able to report seven pastors gained or saved for our State. The Committee recall the enthusiastic endorsement of this Sustentation movement by the Convention last year, and that the churches were thereby committed to it. If the work is to be carried forward, more liberal provision must be made for it the coming year.

The subject was further discussed by Dea. Thompson and Rev. Messrs. Smith, Bacon, Magill, Grout, and others.

Adjourned with singing the Doxology.

EVENING SESSION.

The meeting was opened by singing.

Prayer was offered by Rev. M. H. Wells.

The discussion of "The special claims of our coöperative societies," was opened by Rev. E. E. Herrick, and continued by Rev. Messrs. Grout, Bushee, Cobleigh, Gilbert, Colwell, Hall, Stevens, and others.

The Committee on Devotional exercises reported the appointments for the morrow.

Convention united in singing one stanza of the Missionary Hymn.

Adjourned with the benediction by Dr. Clement.

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION.

A prayer meeting was held at 6 A. M., conducted by Rev. S. P. Cook.

Convention met for business at 8.30 A. M. Prayer was offered by Rev. S. W. Magill.

The roll was then called, and the minutes of yesterday read and approved.

Rev. Henry Fairbanks presented the report of the Fairbanks Education Board, as follows:

REPORT OF THE FAIRBANKS EDUCATION BOARD.

The Treasurer charges himself with:		
Balance on hand, June 1, 1873,	$567 00	
Interest on investments,	636 00	
		$1,203 00
And credits himself with:		
Paid orders to students aided,	$835 00	
Leaving balance in treasury,	368 00	
		$1,203 00

(Audited by Geo. H. Crane, June 16, 1874.)

Eleven students have been aided during a part or the whole of the year. The increased number of applicants in the academies has obliged the withdrawal of aid from those already in college, and within reach of aid from the American Education Society, and has reduced the balance in the hands of the Treasurer. Those aided the present year are young men of unusual promise.

EDWARD T. FAIRBANKS, *Chairman.*

HENRY FAIRBANKS, *Treasurer.*

Voted, To accept the report and order it printed in the Minutes.

Rev. D. S. Frost, delegate from the Free Will Baptist Yearly Meeting, presented the salutations of that body, and made an extended statement of the work of his denomination.

He was responded to by the Chair.

The following Reporters and Receivers were appointed to fill vacancies:

REV. E. P. HOOKER, for Addison Conference.
REV. S. R. HALL, for Essex Conference.
REV. V. M. HARDY, for Lamoille Conference.
REV. E. P. WILD, for Orleans Conference.
REV. C. H. MERRILL, for Windham Conference.

The Constitution was taken from the table, and after discussion was in part adopted.

Adjourned to give place to the Anniversary of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Convention opened by singing.

J. G. Stimson presented his report as Treasurer of the Convention.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Vermont Convention of Congregational Ministers and Churches
In account with J. G. Stimson, Treasurer.

1873.		CREDIT.			
June 18.	By cash of Rev. J. Chandler,		$223	68	
	" from Franklin and Grand Isle Conferences,		4	50	
July 14.	" from Coos and Essex Con.,		3	98	
Oct. 8.	" from Windham Conference,		30	00	
Nov. 6.	" from Windsor Conference,		34	00	
Dec. 18.	" from Orange Conference,		35	92	
1874.					
June 16.	" from Orange Conference,		32	00	
	" from Washington Conference,		18	00	
	" from Franklin and Grand Isle Conference,		20	00	
	" Orleans Conference,		17	00	
	" Lamoille Conference,		8	00	
	" Rutland Conference,		36	00	— $463 08
1873.		DEBIT.			
June.	Paid Dea. C. F. Thompson, balance interest on note.		$1	00	
Sept. 8.	" for print'g Minutes of Convent'n,		256	72	
	" for Pastoral Sustentation Report,		40	00	
	" for packing and exp. of Minutes,		14	47	
Oct. 20.	" for postage stamps,			30	

1874.				
June 16.	"	Sabbath School Sec., (postage),	$9 35	
	"	Corresponding Secretary,	2 25	
	"	Rev. J. Chandler, (postage),	75	
	"	Rev. J. Chandler, (circulars),	2 25	
	Cash in Treasury,		135 99	— $463 08

J. G. STIMSON, *Treasurer.*

I have examined the above report and find it correct.

GEO. H. CRANE, *Auditor.*

Northfield, June 17, 1874.

This report was accepted and ordered to be printed in the Minutes.

Rev. S. W. Magill, for Committee of Overtures, presented the following:

Resolved, That as a Convention we urge upon our churches to increase their annual subscriptions for the American Board at least fifty per cent, in order to prevent retrenchment of their work.

Resolved, Further, that in order to do this every member of our congregations be solicited to contribute for this object.

These resolutions were discussed by Rev. Messrs. Stevens, Ladd, Bacon, Walker, Gilbert and Torrey, and were then passed.

After a short recess the Lord's Supper was administered by Rev. Allen Hazen and Rev. John F. Smith of Marsovan.

Following this, the Convention came to order and listened to an essay read by Rev. C. B. Hulbert on "The preaching demanded by the times."

The Committee of Overtures presented this resolution:

Resolved, In view of the alarming inroads of intemperance, which is so palpable a foe to the progress of the Redeemer's kingdom, and in view of the present hopeful stirring of the public mind on this subject, that we feel called upon as a Convention of Christian ministers and churches, distinctly and cordially, to take our stand with all true friends of temperance, and to pledge our sympathy and active support to every legitimate effort for the suppression of the use, as a beverage, and unlawful sale of all intoxicating drinks.

The resolution was adopted.

The matter of the revised Constitution was again taken up, and the full report of the committee adopted as amended.

The Committee on the nomination of officers reported:

PRESIDENT,

REV. HENRY FAIRBANKS.

VICE PRESIDENT,

DEA. C. F. THOMPSON.

SECRETARY,

REV. J. CHANDLER.

TREASURER,

DEA. A. WOOLSON.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY,

REV. C. M. SOUTHGATE.

Trustees—THADDEUS FAIRBANKS, Esq., REV. A. WALKER, D. D., J. G. STIMSON, Esq., J. A. PAGE, Esq., Rev. A. STEVENS.

Secretary of Sunday Schools—Rev. P. B. FISK.

Fairbanks Education Board—Rev. E. T. FAIRBANKS, Rev. ALDACE WALKER, D. D., Rev. HENRY FAIRBANKS, J. C. EMERY, Esq., Rev. J. TORREY.

Fairbanks Board for the Relief of Ministers—Rev. E. P. HOOKER, THADDEUS FAIRBANKS, Esq., J. G. STIMSON, Esq., Dea. C. F. THOMPSON, Dea. CHARLES N. HAYWOOD.

Sustentation Board—Rev. J. G. JOHNSON, Rev. HENRY FAIRBANKS, Rev. C. S. SMITH, Rev. H. T. FULLER, Dea. C. F. THOMPSON.

The Committee on nomination of delegates reported:

Delegates to the National Council—Primaries: Rev. L. O. BRASTOW, Rev. R. T. SEARLE, Hon. JOHN B. PAGE. Substitutes: Rev. JOSEPH TORREY, Rev. FRANKLIN TUXBURY, Hon. ROSWELL FARNHAM.

Delegate to the Free Will Baptist Yearly Meeting—Primary: Rev. S. W. DIKE. Substitute: Rev. C. M. WINCH.

Delegate to the Vermont Baptist Conference—Primary: Rev. L. H. ELLIOT. Substitute: Rev. G. H. FRENCH.

Delegate to the Vermont M. E. Conference—Primary: Rev. JOHN G. HALE. Substitute: Rev. S. P. COOK.

The report was accepted and adopted.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION.

A prayer meeting was held at 6 A. M., conducted by Rev. A. A. Smith.

Convention met for business at 8.30 A. M.

Prayer was offered by Rev. E. P. Hooker.

The roll was called, and the Minutes read and approved.

The Chair read a note from Dea. Woolson, in which he respectfully declined the office of Treasurer, on account of ill health. J. C. Emery, Esq., was elected in his stead.

The Committee, to whom was referred the bequest of the *Vermont Chronicle*, reported.

Your Committee recommend the passage of the following resolutions:

Resolved 1, That the Convention hereby expresses its grateful acknowledgment of the bequest of the subscription list and good will

of the *Vermont Chronicle*, in the will of the late L. J. McIndoe, deceased.

Resolved 2, That we accept the trust with the conditions imposed.

Resolved 3, That a committee of seven members be appointed with discretionary powers to make all necessary arrangements for the continued publication of the same in the interests of our churches.

The report was accepted and adopted: and the Committee appointed as follows:

Rev. A. Walker, D. D., Rev. C. B. Hulbert, Rev. R. T. Searle, Rev. C. S. Smith, Rev. L. O. Brastow, Hon. Horace Fairbanks, Hon. Joseph Poland.

Rev. W. D. Malcom, delegate from the M. E. Conference, presented the salutations of that body, and was responded to by the Chair.

The following resolution was passed:

In view of the facts presented in the reports of the Committee of Sustentation, and the Secretary of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society:

Resolved, That we regard hopefully, and acknowledge gratefully, the results of the Sustentation plan, inaugurated at the last Convention so far as they now appear; and that in the interests of the General Home Missionary work in our State, we recommend its more thorough and vigorous prosecution, during the year to come, and pledge our churches to its support.

Rev. Henry Fairbanks offered the following:

Resolved 1, That the Convention endorse the suggestion of the Committee of Sustentation, that no church should receive more than three hundred dollars a year, and that salaries may be fixed at eight hundred or nine hundred dollars.

Resolved 2, That the Committee be directed to select among churches applying for aid those most likely to become speedily self-supporting, and those at points most important to be occupied.

These resolutions were adopted.

The Committee on Assessments and Abatements recommended that the Convention raise the same amount as last year—($300,) three hundred dollars—and that the assessment for each Conference be the same.

The recommendation was adopted.

The Committee on Place and Appointments for the next meeting reported:

Place of Meeting—Bennington.

Preacher—Rev. E. P. Hooker, Primary. Rev. E. T. Fairbanks, Substitute.

Discussion—The law of Conscience as relating to works of necessity on the Sabbath—Rev. J. P. Humphrey, Rev. R. T. Hall, Primaries. Rev. W. A. Bushee, Rev. N. P. Gilbert, Substitutes.

Essay—The connection between the spiritual life of the believer and his personal knowledge of the Scriptures—Rev. S. P. Cook, Primary. Rev. W. S. Hazen, Substitute.

Report adopted.

Rev. J. Chandler presented several articles (12, 13, 14, 15, 18.) to be added to the rules of the Convention.

[See page 8.]

On motion of Rev. A. W. Wild, voted that the Charter, Constitution and Rules of the Convention be printed in the Minutes.

[See page 3.]

The Committee of Overtures offered the following resolution, which was passed:

Resolved, That the hearty thanks of this Convention are tendered to the people of Northfield for the generous hospitality accorded us; to the M. E. Church for the use of their church edifice; to the choir of the Congregational Church for their very acceptable services, and to the railroad companies for the courtesy of return tickets.

Voted that a committee for publishing the Minutes be appointed, consisting of the Scribe, Corresponding Secretary, and Secretary of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society.

Voted that the usual number of Minutes be published.

Convention took a recess of fifteen minutes; then came to order and had a brief devotional service conducted by Rev. Wm. Sewall.

At the appointed hour the Sunday School Meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. Wm. Sewall. The Sunday School Secretary then read his report. Report accepted and ordered to be printed in the Minutes.

Brief addresses were made on Sunday School work by Rev. Messrs. L. H. Elliot, Allen Hazen, J. F. Smith, J. F. Aiken, and others.

The Minutes of the day were read and accepted. After prayer by Rev. Allen Hazen, and the benediction by Rev. Dr. Walker, the Convention was declared adjourned.

M. H. BUCKHAM, *President.*

JAMES H. BABBITT, *Scribe,*
CHAS. H. MERRILL, *Assistant Scribe.*

SABBATH SCHOOL REPORT.

It is the thought of Carlyle that the period of the Reformation in the sixteenth century was a judgment day for Europe. All her nations were then proffered an open Bible, with all the emancipation of heart and intellect an open Bible involves. England and North Germany accepted the boon, and have been steadily growing in national greatness and moral influence ever since. France rejected it, and in its place had the gospel of Voltaire, with all the anarchy, misery and blood-shed of successive revolutions—the legitimate offspring of that gospel.

In some sort every generation—the present peculiarly so—brings with itself a judgment day, alike for nations, churches, and individuals. The question "Will we cling to inspired truth?" is a question which cannot be turned aside unanswered. Nor is it enough that as Protestants we choose an open Bible. The Word of God is not a talisman to bless by its simple presence with us. To prove more than a doubtful blessing at the best, it must be received with intelligence. Its appeal is to the good sense of mankind. It is not enough, therefore, that the Bible be merely read; it must be studied. "*Search* the Scriptures," is the voice of Christ to every age. A great deal of our reading the Word of God—so many chapters or so many verses a day, as a matter of conscience, and not to enter heartily into its meaning—is little better than bibliolatry, is at the farthest remove from joyfully drawing water out of its wells of salvation. To realize the benefit the Scriptures are designed to afford, we must come to them with that same spirit of earnest study with which we are obliged to come to any other good books, from the treasures of which we would enrich ourselves. Inspired literature no more than uninspired yields up its wealth to those who skim lightly over its surface. Increased *study* of the Bible in our Sabbath Schools is accordingly one of the most hopeful signs of the times. The Press, with its hand on the public pulse, noting every change, adapts its supply to the demand. It is therefore a most encouraging fact that all our religious weeklies have lately found occasion for a full column devoted to a careful exposition of successive Sunday School lessons. The

troop of Sunday School periodicals suddenly sprung into being, mainly engaged in unfolding and illustrating Scripture lessons, bespeaks a more widely prevalent study of divine truth than the world ever knew before.

The Congregational Sabbath Schools of Vermont are availing themselves of these popular helps to biblical study. Of the schools which have responded to my 197 circulars, all but four are studying the International Series of Lessons, which all our current Sabbath School literature combines to explain. Eighty-five out of the 111 report themselves using more or less numerous copies of the National Teacher, Sunday School Times, Sunday School World, &c.

If none but the teachers had been led to fresh earnestness in study, even at that the gain were incalculable. If none but the teachers ever received any good from our system of Sabbath Schools, still the system would manifold more than repay all the cost. But the increased study is not by any means confined to the teachers. "Like teacher, like pupil," holds as true in Sabbath Schools as elsewhere. The scholars, not immediately, but little by little, fall into the studious habits of their teachers. In several of our schools the number of copies of these helps to the study of the lesson is two or three times the number of the teachers. Nearly every one of the schools reported is kept in operation the entire twelve months. Nearly half of them are in session a full hour each Sabbath—two an hour and a half. The schools on the west side of the State average much longer sessions than those on the eastern border. Very few report less than half the customary congregation connected with the school. By far the greater number report two thirds, some three fourths, a few as high as 90 per cent—one 94 per cent. One or two say, "Very nearly the whole congregation." Fifty-two Scripture lessons a year, equivalent to one recitation a day for ten school weeks, afford no slight help to acquaintance with the Word of God. Some of our schools, it is true, are very small, often falling below a hundred members, sometimes even as low as fifty or sixty. The aggregate number enrolled, however, in the 111 schools reported, is something over 16,000; the average of their entire membership about 145 per school. Eight schools enroll over 250 each. The largest number enrolled in any one school is 399, in the St. Johnsbury South Church. The average attendance, however, of several schools is considerably larger than in that.

In many of the smaller schools the favor of the Master has been signally manifested. There have been 320 additions to the churches from the 111 schools under our consideration. Of these the two large St. Johnsbury churches have received twenty-five, the Rutland

church fifteen, the 1st and 3d churches in Burlington seven and ten; but the most precious ingatherings have been mainly from much less conspicuous schools. In Gaysville nearly an entire class of young ladies taught by the minister's wife, have been hopefully converted. Almost 15 per cent of the scholars in that school have been received into the church. West Townshend writes: "We cried unto the Lord and he heard the voice of our supplication." About 10 per cent of the scholars in that school have united with the church, and the superintendent out of the depth of his experience, remarks: "Our great need in Sunday School work is more love, constraining to more wrestling prayer." In South Wardsboro 10 per cent of the scholars have been hopefully converted, over 15 per cent of the average attendance. In Strafford, with no pastor, 10 per cent of the average attendance have been hopefully converted and received to the church. In the small school in Georgia from fifteen to twenty have been hopefully converted.

I have thus far hinted some of the encouraging things suggested by the reports received. Not *all* which they suggest, however, is of that type. So far as any real statistics are concerned, it must be confessed these reports are of little value. To give any trustworthy exhibit of the Congregational Sunday Schools of Vermont, nearly 90 more of the circulars I sent forth had need to be filled out and returned. From schools connected with some of the largest churches in the State, I have received no response whatever. Addison and Bennington counties have sent the fewest reports—six out of fourteen schools in one, and three out of eleven in the other. Chittenden has given me the fullest response—fifteen out of the eighteen schools. Caledonia sent eleven out of fourteen returns; Franklin and Grand Isle ten out of thirteen; Orange fourteen out of twenty; Windham fifteen out of twenty-four. Washington county has given me only six out of twelve reports.

Many of the reports received are very incomplete. Not a few bear internal evidence of what one freely confessed, "made out as accurately as possible, considering how the records are kept." My Brother Root of Milton suggests that the Congregational Convention Secretary, and the Secretary of Sunday School Workers from the several evangelical churches in the State, use the same circulars and send them out at the beginning of the year, instead of the close. I introduced several questions, in compliance with the wish of Mr. Butler, State Secretary of Sunday School Workers; but the replies to those questions are too few and too indefinite to be of any great value. It is clear that a more complete system of record-keeping must obtain in our Sunday Schools to make anything like a statistical

report possible. Nevertheless, it seems to me worth our while to know better than we do what hold our schools are keeping upon youth between fifteen and twenty, and upon the older members of the congregation.

From the reports we have received it is evident that there is a grievous discrepancy between the whole number enrolled and the average attendance, both of teachers and of scholars. In scattered communities regular attendance is doubtless often out of the question. Yet in Peacham—largely a farming town—we find an average attendance of 65 per cent of all the scholars enrolled, while throughout the schools reported the average attendance of scholars and teachers both is only 57 per cent. Ex-Gov. Page's school in Rutland gives an average attendance of 78 per cent of all enrolled. In some schools in the larger places, the per cent of attendance is as low as 12—in one only 40. In Shoreham, on the other hand, it comes up to 84, and in Sheldon to 90.

I know it is the grief of many faithful teachers that their classes are so inconstant; yet it can hardly be believed that anything like as much is done as might be to draw the people to the constant study of divine truth. Distinct reports of the attendance both of scholars and teachers read at the close of each session, both for that day and for the Sabbath previous, might perhaps stimulate to greater constancy. More ample preparation to interest and instruct those who come, and above all, more profound and more manifest personal interest in the highest good of every scholar, would go a great ways toward realizing the fond desire of every true teacher. Mrs. Bartlett in Mr. Spurgeon's Sabbath School, with her class of seven hundred ladies, I apprehend, has little difficulty in securing their regular attendance. The fact that two thousand persons have come into the church from that class proves her wondrous fidelity, and her *fidelity* may be the secret of her power to draw those she teaches.

From the reports we have received it is further evident that our schools are doing very little of that outside work which must be greatly needed in this State. To say nothing of the purlieus of our cities, our rural townships abound in districts remote from the centers of religious influence, where branch Sunday Schools might prove an exceedingly efficient means of grace. The rocky watersheds of our State are often barren wastes compared with the fertile river-valleys. The richest of the alluvial soil is continually flowing down from the ridges. In like manner many of the best families are pouring down from the farms into the centers of business and along the lines of railways—leaving their old neighbors more scattered than ever, and with very few of the privileges to be enjoyed in more

populous districts. Strange as it may seem, hundreds of Vermont families, having comparatively few religious privileges, become wretchedly indifferent to those they might possess. Beyond question, a very small per cent of the children dwelling on the border lands between the towns, remote from the villages, are receiving any religious instruction whatever. They are growing up strong in muscle, vigorous in will, but sadly deficient in all that goes to make sound moral and religious character. The command, "Go ye into the highways and hedges," often points us to the most literal *highways*—far up above and overlooking our valleys. There we may find those children and youth whom it is ours to "compel" to come in and partake of the gospel feast. We may be certain we must carry the gospel to them, before we can waken relish enough for it to draw them to us, who are more favored than they. They are in *our* fields of labor. Missionaries may be sent to Japan and to India; missionaries may be sent to the frontiers of our native land, and to many of the weaker churches of our own New England; but to these who are within five miles of our churches and yet never come regularly to our Sabbath Schools, we must go or no one will. The evangelical churches in Vermont must "carry" the destitute districts of this State for Christ, or leave hundreds to perish at our very doors. These unprivileged families are not really remote from us; they are floating down the stream of human life, not far out in its midst beyond our utmost reach, but close by us, where we have but to stretch forth our hand and draw them in to ourselves. Nor is this work unpromising. We deceive ourselves when we call a Sabbath School a few miles from the church a "mission school." The children and youth to be saved there are not heathen. I know Prof. Max Muller says it costs more to convert a man in Christian lands than in heathen. Still the most neglected portions of Vermont are very different, morally, from either the "deserts and the mountains," or the jungles and the cities of the great Orient. Branch Sabbath Schools will seldom wait for precious fruits half so long as many of our missionaries have waited for their first ingathering of souls to Christ. Nor the children merely may we expect to mold by the influence of such schools. Through the children the parents are often reached. Often the prophecy, "a little child shall lead them," is literally fulfilled. Paxton, the great pioneer Sabbath School man of the West, was converted from blank infidelity by the power of a next door District Sabbath School, into which his little daughter beguiled him "to hear the singing."

It is a remarkable fact that the 111 reports I have received tell of only sixteen branch Sabbath Schools, in which only twelve different

churches are engaged. If too many of the Sabbath hours are taken up with hearing sermons to allow any such work, it may well be a question whether it would not be a gain to *hear less* and be more thoroughly "doers of the word." Hundreds in our churches are dying spiritually for lack of just such exercise of the gifts God has bestowed upon them, as these branch Sabbath Schools afford.

The reports received, I remark once more, show a mournful lack in our State of that preparation for the teachers' work which can be gained only in a Teachers' Meeting. Two years ago 36 schools reported such meetings; this year 42. There is a little gain for which we ought to be thankful, yet much ground still remains to be possessed. There is no doubt a fearful amount of miserable teaching in our Sabbath Schools, and what is still more alarming, a world more than there is any need of. There is talent enough in our churches, if it were only consecrated and cultivated, to make our schools manifold more efficient than they are. The Hebrew Sunday Schools of our land sometimes meet both on Saturday and on Sunday—each session being two hours long. The annual course of such schools commences the first Sunday after the feast of Tabernacles, the commencement of the Jewish New Year, about the last of September, and continues till the last Sunday in June. A regular programme of studies is marked out. Carefully trained teachers are employed. Absence of a scholar from a single session must be accounted for by written excuse from the parents. At the close of a year there is a public examination, and prizes are distributed. So far as thoroughness of religious instruction is concerned, in comparison with these Israelitish Sunday Schools, many of ours, we must admit, are little better than a farce.

Even in our secular instruction we are feeling more and more the need of trained teachers. Normal Schools and Teachers' Institutes are multiplied. The State of New York has appropriated $150,000 for Normal Schools in a single year; Massachusetts, $34,000; Connecticut, $12,000. Competent teachers are found to be an indispensable prerequisite of successful schools.

If we could have a Normal School for Sunday School teachers, and men and women to attend it, the cause of Christianity would be wondrously promoted. If we could even keep the Sunday School teachers of a town or county together a single week at an institute under experienced instructors in their work, the gain would be unspeakable. But such blessings are out of the question. The next best thing is to get the teachers of a Sunday School together for one hour a week, to help each other and to receive such help as the superintendent and pastor may be able to give. The advantage of such a

meeting may be measureless. It is remarkable how unanimous the testimony is of those who have faithfully tried it. "Good degree of interest," I find over and over again in reports of Teachers' Meetings. From Shoreham come the words, "Always with interest." From my Brother Hazen of this village comes the testimony, "We regard them of the greatest importance." From Putney: "Our Teachers' Meetings have been organized only a few weeks, but we find our hearts are growing warm, though the church as a whole manifests a lukewarm indifference." From Bennington Center the report comes. "Every week, rain or shine, great degree of interest." From Craftsbury: "Well attended, usually; very profitable; a great help." From Morrisville: "Every week average attendance 75 per cent of the teachers." Those of us at Wells River who attend the Teachers' Meetings marvel how the others can get along without them.

I know it has been said that "within each individual there is a capacity for perfecting himself," but it is no less true that we each need others' help in bringing out our own being. Few study as effectually altogether alone, as they might in contact some part of the time with their fellows.

It cannot be denied that it is very hard work to establish and maintain an interesting and useful Teachers' Meeting. "Tolerable, considering human nature," is the sad plaint which I find in one brother's report of his efforts in this direction; and doubtless he expresses many a heart-moan besides his own. Yet whatever is worth having in this world costs. Somebody has said "a single pleasure costs a thousand tears." "It takes a thousand pearly drops to make one rose." It is not for us, my brothers, to yield to discouragement. "The noble bear disaster," another has said, "as angels wear their wings, to raise and save them." Defeated in one attempt to achieve any good work, we ought only to gird ourselves afresh for another. "He is not worthy of the honeycomb who shuns the hive because the bees have stings." We need not only to aim high, but to cherish a glowing affection for the heights, and while the heights charm us, we must not shrink back from the steps that lead to them. Power to win a pupil's heart and store his mind with useful secular knowledge, is worth carefully seeking after; much more, power to win souls to Christ, and lead them in the way everlasting. To inaugurate and perfect any instrumentality by which as pastor, superintendent and teachers, we may help each other to the power to save men, is surely worth years of effort. A brick-layer once told me that it takes fourteen years for mortar to reach its utmost hardness, and therefore for brick walls to come to their utmost perfection. It often takes fourteen years for an important achievement to reach it-

consummation. So much the more solemnly, then, are we bound to begin at once whatever is really worth achieving. We cannot realize too deeply that the rising race must not only be gathered into the Sabbath Schools and sanctuaries; they must be taught the truth as it is in the Scriptures. They must be imbued with truth, or else be left without any safeguard against the terrific temptations of this generation. "Thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children," was not a whit more imperative in the days of Moses than it is now. There are thousands which the Sabbath School teacher alone can ever reach with religious truth. Alike in secular instruction and religious, even the best households need to be supplemented in their work by the school. By some means "wisdom and knowledge must be made the stability of our times," or there can be no *true* stability. Our children must be made to "grow in the knowledge of the Lord," or be left to be driven about by every wind of doctrine.

Beyond all question,

> We are living, we are dwelling,
> In a grand and awful time;
> In an age on ages telling,
> To be living is sublime.
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> Worlds are charging; heaven beholding.
> We have but an hour to fight;
> Now the blessed cross unfolding,
> On, right onward for the right,

it is *ours* to press. Very much what we make the Sabbath School instruction of our day, we make the religious character of the generation soon to take our places. We are today writing the history of the generation of 1880 to 1900. Very much in proportion as we diligently and efficiently teach the truth as it is in Jesus, we shall lead men to Christ and His cross. Two centuries ago, the devoted Elliot of the Massachusetts colony, "the Apostle John," as he was called—in a Synod of ministers in Boston, prayed with great fervor, "Lord, for schools everywhere among us! That our schools may flourish! That every member of this assembly may go home and procure a good school in the town where he lives." I submit that our fervent prayer should be that every member of this Convention and this assembly may go home and multiply his efforts to make the Sabbath School in the place where he lives that power for God and for good which it is capable of becoming.

WM. S. PALMER, *Secretary.*

REPORT

ON THE

STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

The reports from the churches of our State may be of service to us in two ways at least. They bring out to view the prevailing ideas and modes of work which characterize the churches about us today, showing us how far any tidal waves which sweep over the country are felt here, and thus enabling us to form some general estimate of the condition and progress of the cause of Christ in our State; and they also make it possible for each church to see itself and to be looked at by others, not as an isolated unit, but in its place in the picture, and in its relation to the life of the churches as a body. It is well, doubtless, that the languishing churches should see that the Church of Christ is not dying, and that there is life and light and zeal and growth very near by them. It is well, too, that the flourishing and prosperous churches should see that it is *not all prosperity*, but that there are others near by that are discouraged and dying. It is difficult to characterize the state of the churches this year in a general way, by reason of its diversity. We sometimes see a landscape all clouded over, with here and there openings through which the sunshine bursts, to brighten up a few spots upon its surface—and sometimes we see the same territory all gladdened in the sun, but with here and there floating clouds to shade and darken the meadows or dot the hillsides. With reports from half the conferences in my hands, I surely thought the former illustration the suitable one—but when the other half came the latter figure would surely best befit their condition, and on the whole, taking in the whole State, I am persuaded that the brightness prevails. It is a checkered picture, but it is rather the sunny landscape with the clouded spots, than the cloudy picture with the sunny spots.

It is cheering to know that there are large spaces in the State that have been illuminated during the year by the manifest light of the Saviour's presence. Nearly all the churches of Orange Conference have given evidence of a healthy and vigorous condition, and some of them have been the scene of special revivals. Bennington Con

ference has seen good work and progress. The presence of the Holy Spirit has been manifest in most of the congregations, and the figures show a larger addition by profession of faith than for several years. On the other hand, a cloudy sky seems to prevail over a portion of Lamoille County, extending somewhat over Orleans; and Rutland Conference speaks of a rather unprosperous year. Other conferences of the State have their minglings of light and shade.

REVIVALS.

Several churches speak of interesting revivals of religion. In Bradford an interest began during the Week of Prayer. For four or five weeks thereafter the brethren of the Congregational and Methodist churches met every evening for prayer and conference, and one or two union meetings were held each week for some time longer. The whole community was much interested. Nearly every one seemed willing to converse on the subject of personal religion. The conversions were largely among the young, and especially among members of the Sabbath School. It is hoped that some forty or fifty of the two societies have found Jesus. Four or five have been admitted to the church, and it is expected that a much larger number will come forward at the next communion.

An exceedingly healthful religious interest has prevailed in Chelsea, attended with quite a number of conversions. In October and November, a committee from the Congregational and Methodist churches visited every house in the parishes. Meetings have also been held in the out-districts, which resulted in bringing some to Christ who had rarely been seen in the house of God. The church is in an awakened, earnest and working condition, and God is blessing it accordingly.

There has been an interesting work of grace at Corinth, where there has been an effort on the part of the pastor and others to carry the gospel faithfully to every family in the parish. Several heads of families have been received into the church, and there are many others whom Christians hope to see gathered in soon.

The church in Georgia has been blessed with the special presence of the Holy Spirit. In February last, Rev. Charles Nichols, of Boston, was invited by the church and pastor to labor with them as an evangelist. He continued with them for about three weeks. About twenty hopeful conversions resulted from this work, connected with the three societies in town, and six of these have been received into the church. The church also is much quickened and encouraged.

The church in Enosburgh reports a similar religious interest. The pastor has been much aided by Rev. J. H. Harwood of Southern Missouri, who was visiting relatives in town. The church is in an

earnest and awakened state. The interest is largely among the young, for whom special meetings are held. Eight have been received on profession of faith.

The report from Manchester gives proof that the windows of heaven have been somewhat opened above it. There has been an addition of fifteen to the church by profession. No particulars are given, excepting that there has been a happy coöperation of the principal and pious students of Burr Seminary, with the Young Men's Christian Association.

Pittsford reports more religious interest than for some years. Union meetings, beginning with the Week of Prayer, resulted in many apparent conversions, chiefly in the Congregational and Methodist societies. In Rochester there was a marked religious awakening in the latter part of the summer and fall, with several hopeful conversions. The Week of Prayer was of much interest, and meetings were continued for several weeks, with much blessing to the church and society.

And finally the church in Townshend West, which last year was rejoicing in a newly revived state, now reports that throughout the past year it has had plain indications of the continual workings of God's spirit in the prayer meetings, and especially in the Sabbath School. Seven have united with the church, and others are expected to join soon.

INCREASED RELIGIOUS INTEREST.

Besides these churches which speak of revivals, there are a large number which tell us of increased religious interest.

From Windsor we hear of increased interest in all departments of Christian activity. Springfield speaks of larger congregations and several conversions. The same condition of healthful growth continues, which has added to the church, during the seven years' ministry of its late pastor, one hundred and seventy-eight members on profession of faith.

The church in Barnet has prospered much. Though left for half of the year without a pastor, its earnest and active laymen sustained all the meetings with hardly any abatement of interest; and when the new pastor came, about Dec. 1, the church began at once to experience the blessing of the new relation. Meetings were held during the Week of Prayer and the two weeks following, which resulted in several hopeful conversions.

The report from Quechee speaks of a growing interest in worship and in the Sabbath School. The church in Worcester, which has been without much life for some time, has become aroused, has settled a pastor, and is in an encouraging state. Several of our larger

churches seem to be awakening to earnest labor. In Brattleboro East there has been activity and successful Christian work; in the two churches in Burlington increased congregations and considerable religious interest; and church members in Montpelier are instituting measures to guard with more sacredness their covenant relations. An earnest Christian spirit is spoken of in Orwell, Ripton, Stowe, Waterville, Cabot and Irasburgh. In Londonderry there has been more seriousness than for years. In Stratton, Wardsboro and Wilmington there has been unusual religious interest, with encouraging prospects of increase. In Jamaica and Norwich there was an awakened condition on spiritual subjects in the fall, with several hopeful conversions. A work of grace, with several conversions, is reported from South Wardsboro. The spiritual condition of Peacham church has greatly improved during the year. A spirit of unity and harmony has prevailed so far that they have again settled a pastor, and are rejoicing in his light. The members are unusually interested in religious duties. The churches in Marshfield and Brownington are small and weak, and yet very earnest and desirous to fill their place and work out their missions. Danville church was refreshed about the time of the Week of Prayer, but the blessing seemed to be confined to the church. Religious prosperity is indicated in Swanton, by a steady willingness to undertake Christian duties, and in North Troy by a noticeable improvement of public morals. West Randolph and Tunbridge, like several other churches of Orange Conference, have been more than usually engaged. Morrisville, Bakersfield and Lowell speak of some religious awakening, and Pittsford of more interest than for some years. There has been an encouraging state of religion in Hinesburgh through the year, with several conversions about the time of the Week of Prayer. There are cheering indications in Colchester, and the church in South Royalton appears to be coming on to a good healthy basis of Christian work. In such language as this, thirty-five of our churches, which mention no special revival, yet bear testimony to an increased spiritual prosperity.

SABBATH SCHOOL AND BIBLE STUDY.

The reports from several churches speak of special interest in the study of the Bible. Such is the report from Bridport, and also from Orwell, where the Sabbath School takes the place of the afternoon service, and is attended by nearly the whole congregation. There has been an increasing zeal and diligence in Sabbath School work in connection with the general prosperity of the churches of Bennington Conference. The pastor in Glover speaks warmly of the proficiency of his people in Bible study. The pastor in Norwich

speaks of a monthly Bible exercise on the second Sabbath afternoon of each month, as increasingly interesting and profitable; also of the fact that nine members of the Sabbath School have joined the church. In Pittsford also there has been great interest in Bible study, and the teachers' meeting has been specially prosperous.

SOCIAL MEETINGS.

While we hear so much in these days from various quarters of a waning interest in the prayer meeting, it is cheering to hear the words of many of our reports, which speak in different language. Interesting social meetings are spoken of by several churches in Bennington County, where ladies and children take part in them by reciting verses of Scripture, by Shoreham and Orwell in Addison County, also by Alburgh and Craftsbury. In Montpelier and West Berlin these meetings are more fully attended and more interesting than they have been for years before. In Townshend West and in Westminster East there have been full and deeply interesting prayer meetings. The pastor at West Randolph speaks particularly of a Saturday evening prayer meeting which has drawn in the business men of the place, thus giving great help to the pastor, and making church influence to be felt through the whole village.

THE WEAKER AND LESS FAVORED CHURCHES.

I am sure we ought to abate none of our interest as we turn from these encouraging reports to listen to the words which come from our feebler and less favored churches. Let us note in the first place the fact that of our 197 churches 44 are reported vacant. It is true many of these have been supplied for a portion of the year, some of them will soon be provided with pastors, and yet they are at present without the regular ministrations of the gospel. From several of these vacant churches we get no reports. There are others that tell us they have had no preaching for a year, or nearly that. Such is the case with churches in Bristol and Morgan. The two churches in Hydepark and the one in Holland have had no preaching for nearly two years, excepting an occasional 5 o'clock meeting held during the summer in the latter place by a neighboring pastor.

Several of these churches are feeble and declining. Holland, with its five resident members, one male and four females, has given up independent action. North Hydepark church has only a nominal existence, and unless something is done to revive it, will soon lose even the name. The churches in East Dorset and Sandgate, with their five and eleven members, severally, must surely feel their weakness in these days of absorbing worldliness.

There are also several of our churches which, though not so small in numbers, yet speak with sorrow of their darkness, and of the low and decayed state of religion about them. Such darkness is alluded to in the report from Cornwall, where there is little or no religious interest; in Marlboro, where the church loses one half of its dozen resident members by removal; in East Burke, where there has been no preaching during the year excepting in the summer and early fall. It has been a hard year by reason of prevailing sickness and death for the church in Montgomery; also for Fairfield, where there has been preaching only a portion of the year, and that with a tendency to divide rather than unite the church. The church in Greensboro complains of damage from the maneuverings about them of a candidate for the pulpit, who apparently never had a thought of settling with them.

THE OBSTACLES.

A few reports mention particular *obstacles* to their growth and work. In Stockbridge the closing of a large business establishment has caused several to remove, yet the remaining members have kept up good heart, and God has sent them a special blessing with several conversions, and now they are full of hope. In the report from Dover the County Missionary speaks of the deadly harm of unevangelical teachers and books; and one of our largest churches mentions as an obstacle to its increase in membership the theory and practice of creed subscription as a condition of admission to its fellowship.

SPECIAL EFFORTS.

On the other hand there are a much larger number that tell of special and successful efforts to overcome difficulties which are not mentioned. The pastor in Barnet is doubtless aware of the obstacle referred to just now from creed subscription, for he tells us that he has met once a week those who express a Christian hope, for the purpose of studying Christian doctrines. He has also met with the boys for prayer, and the pastor's wife has met with the young ladies for the same purpose, and with encouraging results.

Several churches in Orange Conference have been making earnest efforts to carry the gospel to out-districts, aiming at a business-like efficiency. The great question has been earnestly met, What should be done and how shall we do it? No church reports a more thorough system of work than Chelsea, which has been referred to already. It is a work in which both sexes and all ages engage, young ladies of culture taking part in the district meetings. It is proposed to continue the work through the summer in the way of district Sab-

bath Schools. The church in Morrisville is moving to make its influence felt by committee organization. Several churches speak of meetings specially for children and youth. The young people's meeting in Norwich, started eight years since, continues with steady interest, and has been the starting place of many of Christ's disciples. There is religious interest among the children in Benson. Nor have the aged been passed by in the workings of God's grace: for the same church speaks of the admission to the church of a lady 92 years of age on profession, and another church in Addison County tells of the conversion of a man 91 years of age.

TEMPERANCE.

The temperance revival which is now prevailing in our country has been participated in by many of our churches. Fifteen or sixteen reports speak of earnest and effective work in this direction. In Montpelier the Temperance Reform has absorbed the thought and activity of Christian people. The Sabbath afternoon meetings have been continued. In Northfield a temperance meeting has been held every Sabbath evening for several months, and the friends of the cause feel stronger. Windsor reports a decided awakening upon this subject. In Rochester about 500 have signed the pledge, and many sellers have given up the traffic. The work has been carried forward earnestly in Springfield, with the help of a Ladies' Temperance Band. Several towns in Bennington County have taken up new work promotive of this reform. In St. Albans there is a marked change in the atmosphere and in public sentiment. Here, too, many ladies are working earnestly and effectively in the cause. Bakersfield and Brandon have put forth much profitable labor in this direction. In Norwich there is a temperance prayer meeting held the third Sabbath in each month; and in Barre meetings are held in the Town Hall every Sunday night, in the same cause.

OUR RELATIONS WITH OTHER CHURCHES.

One of the pleasant features of the reports this year is the testimony they bear to the harmonious and effective coöperation of many of our churches with the churches of other denominations, and more particularly with the Methodists. It is noticeable that in most of the revivals which have been mentioned, particularly those in Chelsea and Bradford, there has been affectionate coöperation between these two societies. Very much of the church work that is being done, has been undertaken in the same spirit of union. The house of worship at West Newbury is occupied alternate Sabbaths with the

Methodists, with increase of religious sympathy between these denominations. We notice the fact, too, that while two or three of our churches are supplied by Methodist ministers, there are a large number of members of our feeble churches who, unable to support a minister of their own denomination, are availing themselves of the privileges afforded them by other Christian societies.

OUTWARD IMPROVEMENTS.

A goodly amount of work has been done during the year in the way of church building and other external improvements. North Bennington is rejoicing in a new sanctuary, dedicated in August, and the Bennington church are pushing on to complete theirs this year. A new church edifice, which will probably be the finest in the county, is nearly finished in Barton, and Morrisville has so rebuilt its house of worship that it is practically new. A new house of worship is also in process of erection in Waitsfield. Churches in Richmond, Northfield, Peru, Glover, Lyndon and Dummerston, have made repairs on their meeting houses, or are making them. In Rutland, Brattleboro East, and Saxton's River, churches have been repaired and chapels built. At Clarendon, St. Albans, Brookfield 1st, and Johnson, parsonages have been built or purchased. The parsonage at Randolph has been repaired. Cabot, Chester and West Newbury report the purchase of new organs, Corinth a chandelier, and Brookfield 1st, a new furnace. A new hymn-book has been introduced in Bridport with good results in the direction of congregational singing; also in Randolph. Responsive reading of Psalms has been introduced into the worship of some of the churches in Bennington Conference. Reports from Orwell, Royalton, Newbury, East Hardwick and Brookfield 2d, speak of the formation of Ladies' Missionary Societies, and increase of interest in the Missionary work. A few of the churches speak of successful experiments in raising funds. In Barre the experiment has been tried of raising money for current expenses by weekly contributions. The movement is successful, for those who do not pay in this way are prompted by it to make their quarterly payments punctually. The same method works successfully in Windsor and Randolph. In Stratton the Ladies' Braiding Circle pays one-sixth of the pastor's salary. Peacham church reports its debt of $1,300 as paid, and St. Johnsbury East has paid its debt of $400 on church edifice. It is interesting to notice, as bearing on our comparative youth as Congregational churches, that the church in Chester which is about the seventh or eighth in age among us, has just celebrated, October 27th, its one-hundredth birthday, with a historical discourse by the acting pastor.

EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

It is always gratifying to note the coöperation of our educational institutions with the churches in promoting the cause of Christ. Reports of earnest Christian work in such institutions come to us this year from Burr Seminary, and also from St. Johnsbury Academy, whose principal, Rev. Mr. Fuller, has taken a warm interest in the spiritual welfare of his pupils, as well as in the church.

I am sure it will appear from these reports that the past year has been one of considerable work and of corresponding prosperity in our churches; and yet there are two or three facts which we are compelled to face which would seem to contradict the statement that on the whole we have been prospering. We meet first the fact of our forty-four vacant churches. Some of these are supplied during the summer by students under direction of the Home Missionary Society, but with many of them it is the sad story of decay, and of increasing inability to support a minister or even to raise money enough to take advantage of the assistance of the Missionary Society. We meet next the adverse fact that of our 197 churches only 98, or less than half, report any additions by profession of faith. It must be remembered, however, that the 99 which report no such additions include all the vacant and feeble ones. Another fact still which might seem adverse, is that whereas a total of 767 members have been added to our churches, 867 have been removed from them, so that we must report a net loss, as we did last year, of 100 members. And yet when we look to see how this loss is made up, the case is altered materially in its aspect, for we find by comparing the additions by profession, 415, with the deaths, 358, we have made a gain of 57; but on comparing the admissions and dismissions by letter, we find that the removals have been 143 in excess of the accessions, which, added to the excommunications, makes a loss of 157, which overbalances our gain by profession by 100 members. We see therefore that the real cause of numerical loss in our State the past year is the *emigration* of our members. Indeed, there is a minor strain of sadness upon this subject mingled all through the reports of the year. At least 15 of the churches speak particularly of suffering by this kind of amputation and dissection—from Shoreham, which reports the removal of 21 American families, and Enosburgh and Bakersfield, which have lost about a dozen members each in this way, through a long list including Waterbury, Waterford, East Burke, Hardwick, Lyndonville, South Hero, Craftsbury, Castleton, Jamaica and Sharon, to Marlboro, which loses this year just half of its dozen resident members, including the deacon, clerk, superintendent and chorister.

Some of the churches, too, have reduced their figures by dropping the names of absent members who are supposed to be dead.

THE MINISTERS.

An unusual number of changes have occurred in our ministry during the year. None of the ministers in active service have been removed by death. Four men, however, who had formerly labored among us, and three of whom were much advanced in years, have been called away to their reward, viz., Rev. Ammi Nichols, Rev. Samuel Marsh, Rev. John Wooster, and Rev. John B. Steele. Brief notices of their lives and labors will be given in their proper place.

Eight of our settled pastors have been dismissed during the year. Only three of these have gone out of the State, the other five still labor with us, and four of them have been installed again over other churches. On the other hand the whole number that have been installed during the year is *sixteen*, four of whom were ordained. Two other ministers have been ordained without installation. Ten or more of our acting pastors have left the State. The number of settled pastors now in the State is 65, seven more than last year. The number of acting pastors is 86, with two licentiates in charge of churches. The number of ministers without charge is 44, and of licentiates without charge, five. The whole number of ministers in the State is 198, twelve less than last year, (149 in charge).

SUMMARIES.

In presenting now the summaries for the year, I regret that they should lose very much of their value from the fact of their incompleteness. Only 175 of the churches have been heard from. Twenty-two have sent no report. This number includes several from whom we probably shall not hear again—several that ought to die, or, far better, be grafted on to other evangelical churches in the same village where it is impossible that two should live, and wrong that they should attempt it.

We have still on our list 197 churches, one less than last year, because South Londonderry has been dropped. One hundred and fifty-three of these churches are supplied with ministers; 44 are vacant. Ninety-eight churches report additions by profession of faith; 99 churches do not report additions by profession. Five Conferences report a net gain of 86; seven Conferences report a net loss of 186. The number of members reported by 175 churches is 17,045. If the number not reported be added the figures would be about 18,200. Deduct 3,200 absent, equals 15,000 remaining; add members of other

churches residing in the State, equals 16,000. Four hundred and fifteen received by profession, 352 by letter, 767 in all. Three hundred and fifty-eight deaths, 495 dismissals, 19 excommunications; losses, 867. Net loss for the State, 100. Thirteen churches report infant baptisms, 216 in number. The number connected with Sabbath Schools in 157 churches is 18,534. The average congregations in 150 churches is 18,228. These numbers cannot be compared with the last year's figures, because they do not include the *same* nor the *same number* of churches.

The amount of benevolent contributions reported by 137 churches is $47,627.18, which is about $6,000 more than reported last year.

In concluding this my last annual report, for I must decline being a candidate for re-election, I desire to express my thanks to the several Reporters who have so faithfully and patiently assisted me in this work.

J. TORREY, *Corresponding Secretary.*

NECROLOGICAL RECORD.

None of the Congregational ministers in active service have been removed by death during the year. Four who had formerly labored with the churches in this State have died since the last Convention.

Rev. Ammi Nichols was born in Royalston, Mass., Aug. 10, 1781. In 1787 the family emigrated to Vermont, taking up their abode in Bethel. He united with the church at the age of twenty-one, studied with Rev. Tilton Eastman of Randolph, and Rev. Stephen Fuller of Vershire, and continued theological study with Rev. Asa Burton, D. D., of Thetford. He was licensed to preach in his twenty-fourth year, at Orange, Jan. 9, 1805. He began his labors in the destitute places of Vermont and New York, and was ordained and installed at Braintree, Sept. 23, 1807. He labored also with five other churches in the vicinity, viz: at Warren, Roxbury, West Randolph, Bethel and Barnard. In 1847 he was dismissed from Braintree and labored seven years at Dover. In 1853 he returned home to Braintree, and continued there as acting pastor until 1865, when he ceased his regular ministerial labors. Mr. Nichols was a faithful and earnest laborer in the ministry. Several revivals bore witness to the effectiveness of his work. He died in Braintree, Aug. 24, 1873, at the age of ninety-three.

Rev. Samuel Marsh was born in Danville, Vermont, July 3, 1796. He graduated at Dartmouth College in 1821, and at Andover Seminary in 1824. He preached the first six months of his ministry at Derby Center, afterward he labored for a while at Danville and at Pomfret. In 1827 he was settled in Mooers, New York. About three years afterward he went to Montreal, where he was employed for six months by the Ladies' Missionary Society to labor among the Roman Catholics. He afterwards preached in Beekmantown, Sweden and Lennett, N.Y., until 1838, when he returned to Danville, Vt., to care for his father in his last illness. While in Danville he preached in Hardwick, Walden and Marshfield. After four years he went to Plainfield; thence three years after to Wolcott, where he lived seven years; thence to Jericho. Since 1857 he has resided at Underhill Flats until the time of his death, which occurred April 1,

1874. Mr. Marsh was an effective and devoted preacher, and many portions of his ministry were much blessed in the conversion of souls.

REV. JOHN WOOSTER was pastor of the church in Granby from 1843 to 1858. He died in West Burke, Jan. 3, 1874.

REV. JOHN B. STEELE was a graduate of Middlebury College. He was ordained in 1866. After continuing in the ministry for a few years, he devoted himself to teaching. He died in Middlebury, Nov. 29, 1873, at the age of thirty-eight years.

MINISTERIAL RECORD.

MINISTERS INSTALLED.

1873.	June 23	Rev. C. Van Norden	St. Albans.
	Sept. 2	Rev. S. Knowlton	New Haven.
	Oct. 30	Rev. C. H. Merrill	W. Brattleboro.
	Nov. 3	Rev. L. O. Brastow	Burlington.
1874.	Jan. 14	Rev. Robert Samuel	Weston.
	Jan. 22	Rev. A. W. Wild	Peacham.
	Jan. 27	Rev. Nathan R. Nichols	Barnet.
	Jan. 30	Rev. Edward T. Fairbanks	St. Johnsbury.
	Mar. 4	Rev. R. T. Searle	Windsor.
	April 8.	Rev. H. G. Colwell	Randolph.
	April 22	Rev. A. C. Field	Wilmington.
	April 23	Rev. H. H. Olds	West Dover.

MINISTERS ORDAINED AND INSTALLED.

1873.	Oct. 2.	Rev. John F. Aiken	Pawlet.
	Oct. 2	Rev. F. Lougee	Tunbridge.
	Nov. 11	Rev. E. F. Wright	Danby.
1874.	Feb. 24	Rev. Wm. Schofield	Worcester.

MINISTERS ORDAINED WITHOUT INSTALLATION.

1873.	July 15.	Rev. A. Lawrence	St. Albans.
		Rev. Antoine Geoffroy	St. Albans.

MINISTERS DISMISSED.

1873.	Oct. 14	Rev. A. W. Wild	Greensboro.
	Dec. 15	Rev. R. T. Searle	Thetford.
1874.	Jan. 30	Rev. Edward T. Fairbanks	St. Johnsbury.
	Jan. 30	Rev. L. O. Brastow	St. Johnsbury.
	Feb. 3	Rev. A. B. Dascomb	Woodstock.
	Mar. 25	Rev. Cyrus Hamlin	Bellows Falls.
	Apr. 15	Rev. Edwin Wheelock	Cambridge.
	May 3	Rev. L. H. Cobb	Springfield.

MINISTERS DECEASED.

1873.	Aug. 24	Rev. Ammi Nichols	Braintree.
	Nov. 29	Rev. John B. Steele	Middlebury.
1874.	Jan. 3	Rev. John Wooster	West Burke.
	Apr. 1	Rev. Samuel Marsh	Underhill.

STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES.

THE STATISTICAL YEAR ENDS THE FIRST SABBATH IN MAY.

1. ADDISON CONFERENCE. Reported by REV. HARVEY F. LEAVITT.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min Com'ced.	Church Memb'rs. Male.	Fem.	Total	Abs.	Admitted. Prof.	Let.	Total	Removed. De'th	Dism	Exel.	Total	Bap'ms. Ad'lt.	Inf'nt	Sabbath School.	Average Congreg.	Benev'nt Contrib.	Estimat'd Value of Church Property.
Addison	Nov. 24, 1801	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	2	2	4	....	..	...	...	..	..	..	...	.....	.....	...	...	.....	$500
Bridport	June 30, 1790	W. W. Winchester,	P.	Mar. 23, 1854	1866	65	118	183	40	3	3	6	1	1	0	2	3	0	230	200	$350 00	15,000
Bristol	July 8, 1805	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	23	26	49	7	0	0	0	2	3	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	3,000
Cornwall	July 15, 1785	S. W. Magill,	P.	1837	1867	55	108	163	32	3	3	6	3	0	0	3	1	3	270	150	200 50	8,000
Ferrisburgh	Jan. 25, 1824	Prof. Henry Smith,	A. P.	.....	....	18	42	60	12	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	25	....	.....	8,000
Middlebury	Sept. 5, 1790	E. P. Hooker,	P.	Nov. 13, 1861	1870	140	251	391	59	5	9	14	2	6	0	15	4	18	257	291	755 00	22,000
New Haven	Sept. 29, 1800	Stephen Knowlton,	P.	Nov. 2, 1865	1872	86	160	246	50	1	8	9	1	5	0	6	1	2	250	200	350 00	14,000
Orwell		1787 M. L. Severance,	P.	Feb 17, 1864	1869	81	108	189	31	0	0	0	1	0	8	0	1	245	150	223 21	14,000
Ripton	Nov. 6, 182-	C. H. Kent,	P.	Oct 22, 1-28	1-61	26	35	61	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	77 22	6,000
Salisbury	Feb. 8, 1804	L. C. Partridge,	A. P	.....	1873	16	47	63	29	3	1	4	3	3	0	6	3	3	75	98	.....	5,000
Shoreham	Mar. 26, 1794	Wm. N. Bacon,	P.	Dec. 28, 1850	1864	29	74	103	13	0	0	0	2	5	0	7	0	0	60	120	123 00	8,000
Vergennes	Sept. 17, 1793	Wm. D. Aiken,	P.	Jan. 14, 1857	1873	63	126	189	31	0	3	3	3	5	0	8	0	0	100	150	150 00	12,000
Weybridge	June 20, 1794	—— Evans,	A. P.	Licentiate.	...	20	44	70	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	65	60	150 00	6,000
Whiting	Dec. 28, 1809	A. S. Barton,	A. P.	Oct. 29, 1862	1874	4	10	14	0	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	50	.....	3,000
14		8 Pastors; 4 A.P.				634	1151	1785	338	15	31	46	32	29	0	61	12	27	1617	1494	$2468 93	$124,500

Ministers without charge—Eben Smith, H. F. Leavitt, Middlebury; Stillman Morgan, Bristol.

Deceased—John B. Steele, Middlebury, Nov. 29, 1873.

Licentiates—Prof. Ezra Brainard, Jr., Prof. Solon Albee, —— —— Evans, Middlebury.

Register of Conference—Rev. H. F. Leavitt. *Time of meeting of Conference*—The 2d Tuesday of June at Shoreham.

2. BENNINGTON CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. P. S. Pratt.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min Connect.	Church Memb'rs				Admitted.			Removed.				Bap'ms.		Sabbath School.	Average Congreg.	Benev'nt Contrib.	Estimat'd Value of Church Property.
						Male.	Fem.	Total	Abs.	Prof.	Let.	Total	De'th	Dism	Excl.	Tot.	Ad'lt.	Inf'nt				
Arlington, East..	Nov. 2,	1842 J. C. McCollom,	A. P.	Mar. 23,	1869 1873	8	30	38	8	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	140	$41 00	$6,000
Bennington 1st..	Dec. 3,	1762 Isaac Jennings	P.	June 14,	1843 1853	54	120	174	59	10	1	11	4	7	0	11	2	2	160	....	486 26	25,000
Bennington 2d,..	April 27,	1836 Calvin B. Hulbert,	P.	Oct. 20,	1859 1872	52	127	179	25	12	6	18	4	5	0	9	3	11	225	300	479 87	30,000
Bennington N...	May 21,	1868 Henry C Weston,	P.	Oct. 13,	1869 1869	10	32	51	8	5	5	12	0	1	0	1	4	2	120	120	91 86	16,000
Dorset.....	Sept. 22,	1784 Parsons S Pratt,	P.	Sept. 23,	1847 1855	32	76	108	8	9	5	14	3	3	0	6	7	4	143	160	269 19	7,000
Dorset East,.....	Oct. 1,	1857 Vacant.	.....	.....	....	1	4	5	...	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	....	....	.....	.....
Manchester.....	Sept. 22,	1784 R.S.Cushman,D.D.	P.	Dec.,	1843 1852	73	124	197	15	15	10	25	2	5	1	8	8	3	192	230	304 47	25,000
Peru.....	Dec. 23,	1807 S. H. Amsden,	A. P.	June 12,	1856 1873	55	60	115	14	0	2	2	2	6	0	8	0	4	250	175	14 50	3,500
Pownal.....	May 21,	1851 J. L. Cook,	A. P		1850 1868	5	14	19	10	0	0	0	0	4	0	4	0	2	71	75	6 25	3,000
Rupert.....	June 6,	1786 A.B.Lambert,D.D	A. P.	Nov. 2.	1837 1874	22	38	60	11	0	1	4	2	2	0	4	1	0	93	....	.....	7,000
Sandgate.....		1782 Vacant.	.....	.....	....	4	7	11	....	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	....	....	.....	800
11		5 Pastors; 4 A. P.				325	632	957	149	57	31	88	18	35	1	54	25	28	1354	1200	$1693 40	$123,300

Ministers without charge—James Anderson, J. D. Wickham, D. D., Manchester; C. H. Hubbard, Bennington; William S. Blaisdell, Factory Point.

Register of Conference—Rev. P. S. Pratt. *Time of meeting of Conference*—Second Tuesday of June.

3. CALEDONIA CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. P. B. Fisk.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min Con'ced.	Church Memb'rs				Admitted.			Removed.				Bap'ms.		Sabbath School.	Average Congreg.	Benev'nt Contrib.	Estimat'd Value of Church Property.
						Male.	Fem.	Total	Abs.	Prof.	Let.	Total	De'th	Dism	Excl.	total	Ad'lt.	Inf'nt				
Barnet	Sept. 14, 1858	N. R.Nichols,	P.		1873	24	76	100	23	2	5	7	2	6	0	8	2	0	150	100	$150 00	$5,000
Burke	Feb. 28, 1807	Vacant.				20	34	54	9	2	1	3	1	2	0	3	1	0	50	50	.....	3,700
Cabot	Oct. 25, 1801	B. S. Adams,	P.	Nov. 22, 1871	1871	48	88	136	28	2	1	3	1	4	0	5	1	0	97	110	159 90	5,700
Danville	Aug., 1792	C. W. Thompson,	P.	July 1 1869	1869	32	57	89	12	0	2	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	120	123	130 75	6,000
Hardwick	July 29, 1803	Joseph Torrey,	P.	May 30, 1860	1860	54	97	151	22	2	4	6	3	7	0	10	0	1	150	100	274 50	5,300
Lyndon	Nov. 30, 1817	J. S. Whitman,	A. P.	Sept. 4, 1861	1871	18	63	81	39	2	2	4	1	4	0	5	1	4	84	110	30 00	2,700
Lyndonville	Dec. 6, 1870	P. B. Fisk,	A. P.	Oct. 1, 1863	1870	36	63	99	21	11	7	18	3	4	2	9	4	1	175	138	0	10,000
McIndoes Falls	Oct. 22, 1829	J. L. Litch,	A. P.		1873	15	63	78	19	2	4	6	4	5	0	9	0	4	150	138	67 00	7,000
Peacham	Apr. 14, 1792	A. W. Wild,	P.	Oct. 26, 1864	1874	58	138	196	27	3	3	6	2	7	0	9	2	3	130	250	147 81	10,000
St. Johnsbury 1st	Nov. 21, 1809	Vacant.				18	46	64	10	9	2	11	0	0	0	0	5	5	75	70	29 30	5,000
St. Johnsbury 2d	Apr. 7, 1825	C. M. Southgate,	P.	Dec. 15, 1870	1870	94	205	299	55	14	9	23	3	4	0	7	5	4	300	291	4910 42	15,000
St. Johnsbury 3d	Nov. 25, 1840	J. P. Humphrey,	P.	Feb. 3, 1847	1868	50	69	119	36	0	3	3	2	4	0	6	0	1	124	100	220 00	7,000
St. Johnsbury So	Oct. 23, 1851	E. T. Fairbanks,	P.	Jan. 1, 1868	1874	73	139	212	31	2	12	14	4	14	0	18	1	2	269	282	3668 27	7,500
Waterford	May 30, 1798	M. H. Wells,	P.	Nov. 19, 1845	1871	45	62	107	41	0	3	3	0	4	0	4	0	3	75	90	87 04	5,700
14		9 Pastors; 3 A. P.				585	1200	1785	381	51	58	109	27	65	2	94	22	28	1949	1952	$9,774 99	$95,600

Ministers without charge—M. B. Bradford, McIndoes Falls; Jonathan Lawrence, W. W. Thayer, Henry Fairbanks, St. Johnsbury; Joseph Underwood, East Hardwick.

Installed—A. W. Wild, Peacham, January 22, 1874; E. T. Fairbanks, St Johnsbury South, January 30, 1874; N. R. Nichols, Barnet, January, 27, 1874.

Deceased—John Wooster, West Burke, January 3, 1874.

Dismissed—L. O. Brastow, from South Church, St. Johnsbury. E. T. Fairbanks, St. Johnsbury 1st Church, Jan. 30, 1874.

Register of Conference—Rev. C. M. Southgate, St. Johnsbury.

Time of meeting of Conference—Second Tuesday and Wednesday of June.

4. CHITTENDEN CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. C. C. Torrey.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min Com'ceel.	Church Memb'rs Male.	Fem.	Total	Abs.	Admitted. Prof.	Let.	Total	Removed. De'th	Dism	Excl.	Total	Bap'ms. Ad'lt	Inf'nt	Sabbath School.	Average Congreg.	Benev'nt Contrib.	Estimat'd Value of Church Property
Burlington, 1st...	Feb. 21, 1805	Lewis O. Brastow,	P.	Jan. 9, 1861	1873	155	200	355	100	7	7	14	11	6	0	17	3	4	225	....	$1040 00	$65,000
Burlington 3d....	Nov. 4, 1860	George B. Safford,	P.	Sept. 2, 1858	1860	39	80	119	19	3	8	11	0	4	0	4	0	2	105	250	298 56	50,000
Charlotte.....	Jan. 3, 1792	C. C. Torrey,	P.	Sept. 7, 1855	1871	41	70	111	5	0	0	0	4	5	0	9	0	2	102	200	244 40	18,000
Colchester.....	1804	Charles M. Seaton,	A. P.	Sept. 23, 1837	1869	10	55	65	11	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	3	0	70	60	37 00	3,500
Essex.....	Oct. 3, 1791	E. P. Stone,	A. P.	Oct. 14, 1861	1872	30	58	88	27	1	0	1	4	3	0	7	0	0	81	75	.....	.....
Essex Junction..	June 29, 1869	Vacant.	.....	.....	.....	19	30	49	8	5	12	17	3	3	0	6	3	0	160	150	.....	10,000
Hinesburgh.....	May 20, 1789	C. E. Ferrin,	P.	Dec. 10, 1851	1855	32	68	100	42	5	1	6	2	3	0	5	5	1	75	.....	.....	5,000
Jericho 1st.....	Mar. 31, 1791	Austin Hazen,	A. P.	Mar. 29, 1860	1864	26	51	77	15	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	1	180	111	146 00	4,500
Jericho Corners.	Aug. 31, 1839	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....
Milton.....	Sept. 21, 1804	J. H. Woodward,	A. P.	1838	1869	....	...	...	....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	115 25	15,000
Milton West....	Feb. 28, 1853	J. H. Woodward,	A. P.	.....	1870	....	...	...	....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....
Richmond.....	Sept. 21, 1801	Vacant.	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...	....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....
South Hero.....	1795	O. G. Wheeler,	P.	Nov. 5, 1840	1840	24	57	81	11	2	2	4	0	1	0	1	2	....	84	....	105 00	6,000
Underhill..	Dec. 27, 1801	E. P. Stone,	A. P.	Oct. 14, 1861	1872	28	42	70	24	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	117	70	.....	2,000
Underhill North.	Dec. 19, 1833	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...	....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....
Westford.....	Aug. 7, 1801	G. P. Byington,	A. P.	1868	1870	26	51	77	16	0	1	1	6	1	0	7	0	0	175	130	162 00	9,000
Williston	Jan. 23, 1813	Vacant.	.....	.....	.....	21	54	75	12	0	0	0	0	6	0	6	0	0	35	65	65 00	8,000
Winooski.....	Nov. 9, 1836	Edwin Wheelock,	A. P.	1856	1873	12	44	56	6	0	1	1	1	4	0	5	0	0	63	125	.....	15,000
18		5 Pastors; 8 A. P.				463	860	1323	296	27	32	59	34	41	0	70	16	10	1472	1236	$2097 96	$210,000

Ministers without charge—Jas. Buckham, J. K. Converse, J. E. Goodrich, H. P. Hickok, J. C. Houghton, H. A. P. Torrey, J. H. Worcester, D. D., J. C. Wilder, A. J. Willard.

Installed—L. O. Brastow, November 4, 1873. *Deceased*—Samuel Marsh, Underhill, April 1, 1874.

Licentiate—M. H. Buckham.

Register of Conference—Rev. George B. Safford. *Time of meeting of Conference*—Second Tuesday in June.

5. ESSEX CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. S. R. Hall.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastor or Act. Pas.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min Com'cerl.	Church Memb'rs				Admitted.			Removed.				Bap'ms.		Sabbath School.	Average Congreg.	Bener'nt Contrib.	Estimat'd Value of Church Property
						Male.	Fem.	Total	Abs.	Prof.	Let.	Total.	De'th	Dism.	Excl.	Total	Ad'lt.	Inf'nt				
Granby & Victory	Jan. 8, 1825	S. R. Hall,	A. P.	March 8, 1823	1872	25	37	62	9	12	0	12	3	0	0	3	0	0	70	75	$32 85	$850
Guildhall	Apr. 1, 1799	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	60	.....	.....
Lunenburgh	Dec. 27, 1802	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	100	.....	.....
3		1 Acting Pastor.																				

[illegible] Woburn.
[illegible] April 25, 1874.
[illegible] Johnson.
[illegible] in June.

	Feb.,	1807	R. Dexter Miller,	A. P.	June,	1867	1873	24	45	69	10	0	1	1	2	0	0	2	0	0	70	...	.....	.....	1,000
.....	Feb. 26,	1839	Jas. Caldwell,	A. P.	Jan. 17,	1867	1873	24	45	69	10	0	1	1	2	0	0	2	0	0	70	...	.....	.....	1,000
.....	May 30,	1786	H. J. Colwell,	P.	June,	1863	1873	39	68	107	18	5	4	9	1	2	0	3	0	2	55	120	72	80	4,500
Randolph West..	Oct. 21,	1831	S. W. Dike,	P.	Feb. 3,	1869	1868	54	106	160	55	0	1	1	1	3	0	4	0	0	150	125	189	38	12,000
Strafford	Nov.,	1820	Vacant.	.....	.....	.....	....	10	28	38	3	5	4	9	0	2	0	2	4	0	30	46	28	00	2,500
Thetford.....		1773	Vacant.	.....	.....	.....	....	70	122	192	40	1	1	2	3	4	0	7	1	2	150	100	440	85	6,000
Tunbridge.....	Feb. 5,	1792	S. F. Lougee,	P.	Oct. 2,	1873	1872	16	24	40	9	4	0	4	2	1	0	3	2	1	75	125	16	35	3,500
Vershire	July 14,	1787	Vacant.	.....	.....	.....	....	15	33	48	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	....	...	.....	.....	.....
.....	13,	1842	Wm. S. Palmer,	P.	Feb. 19,	1862	1862	47	126	173	23	2	1	3	6	5	0	11	2	4	230	200	450	00	8,000
.....	4,	1795	T. M. May.	A. P.	Sept. 25,	1872	1872	22	60	82	23	6	1	7	0	0	0	0	6	0	80	120	34	31	4,000
			7 Pastors; 8 A. P.					629	1323	1952	344	53	34	87	39	41	3	83	38	25	2038	2081	$2726	64	$77,650

...rge—Joseph Marsh, Thetford; Joseph Fuller, Vershire; Silas McKeen, D. D., Bradford; Isaac Hosford, North Thetford.

...ed—S. F. Lougee, Tunbridge, Oct. 2, 1873.

Deceased—Ammi Nichols, Braintree, Aug. 24, 1873.

Register of Conference—Rev. W. S. Palmer.

Installed—H. J. Colwell at Randolph, April 8, 1874.

Dismissed—Richard T. Searle, Thetford, Dec. 15, 1873.

Time of meeting of Conference—Last Tuesday in May.

7. LAMOILLE CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. V. M. Hardy.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min Com'ced.	Church Memb'rs				Admitted.			Removed.				Bap'ms.		Sabbath School.	Average Congreg.	Benev'l'nt Contrib.	Estimat'd Value of Church Property
						Male.	Fem.	Total	Abs.	Prof.	Let.	Total	De'th	Dism	Excl.	Total	Ad'lt.	Inf'nt				
Cambridge	Feb. 18, 1792	Vacant.				14	17	31	6	...	...	...	1	3	...	4	....	....	....	...	$150 00	$3,000
Hydepark	Mar. 5, 1863	Vacant.				5	18	23	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	....	....	....	....	.....	600
North Hydepark	Oct. 11, 1858	Vacant.				...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	....	....	....	....	.....	.....
Johnson	Sept. 23, 1817	G. H. French,	P.	Nov. 8, 1871	1871	42	85	127	28	1	2	3	2	1	...	3	1	2	160	150	103 50	6,000
Morrisville	October, 1807	V. M. Hardy,	P.	Jan. 31, 1872	1870	31	62	93	11	...	...	...	3	...	...	3	....	.....	143	140	33 00	6,000
Waterville	Nov. 7, 1823	R. Hicks, ,	A. P.	.....	1873	6	21	27	....	3	...	3	...	...	...	...	3	....	70	125	.....	.....
Wolcott	Oct. 28, 1818	Vacant,	.....	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	....	....	...	...	.....	.....
Stowe	Nov. 21, 1818	Daniel W. Hardy,	A. P.	Licentiate,	1874	27	60	87	21	...	...	...	1	8	2	11	....	....	75	100	339 14	4,000
8		2 Pastors; 2 A. P.				125	233	388	72	4	2	6	7	12	2	21	4	2	448	525	$624 64	$19,600

Minister without charge—James Dougherty, D D., Johnson, Horace Herrick, Wolcott.

Dismissed—Edwin Wheelock, dismissed from pastorate in Cambridge, April 25, 1874.

Register of Conference—Rev. James Dougherty, D. D., Johnson.

Time of meeting of Conference—Second Tuesday in June.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min Connected.	Church Memb'rs Male.	Fem.	Total	Abs.	Admitted. Prof.	Let.	Total	Removed. De'th	Dism	Excl.	Total	Bapt'ms. Ad'lt.	Inf'nt	Sabbath School.	Average Congreg.	Benev'nt Contrib.	Estima'd Value of Church Property
Bradford.....	June 24, 1810	L. H. Elliot,	A. P.	May 2, 1866	1873	38	119	157	34	5	2	7	4	10	2	16	5	1	159	160	$359 40	$6,000
Braintree.....	Dec. 25, 1794	Vacant.	.....	.....	.....	14	27	41	15	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	40	70	27 00	1,750
Braintree East ..	Oct. 24, 1871	H. C. Howard,	A. P.	Oct. 20, 1873	1872	18	38	56	6	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	125	90	13 36	.....
Brookfield 1st....	Sept. 23, 1785	G. B. Tolman,	A. P.	July 10, 1862	1871	34	57	91	7	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	93	90	105 90	3,800
Brookfield 2d....	Nov. 16, 1848	Wm. A. Bushee,	P.	Aug. 19, 1869	1868	37	66	103	8	3	7	10	2	2	0	4	3	1	140	110	112 79	3,500
Chelsea.....	April 10, 1789	E. E. Herrick,	P.	Feb. 29, 1864	1870	61	114	175	20	4	0	4	3	0	0	3	4	0	150	165	155 90	8,000
Corinth.....	Oct. 10, 1820	C. M. Winch,	A. P.	June 29, 1853	1869	37	67	104	24	11	4	15	5	5	1	11	8	0	80	125	19 85	3,000
Fairlee	Feb. 28, 1833	J. M. Fulton,	.....	Methodist,	....	15	30	45	10	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	95	120	0	500
Fairlee West....	Dec. 6, 1809	Solon Martin,	A. P.	June 16, 1835	1873	24	44	68	0	0	0	0	4	3	0	7	0	0	30	60	0	1,000
Newbury	Sept., 1764	S. L. Bates,	P.	Mar. 23, 1864	1871	39	119	158	25	4	4	8	1	2	0	3	2	7	166	180	681 75	8,000
Newbury West..	Feb., 1867	R. Dexter Miller,	A. P.	July 2, 1856	1870	15	30	45	5	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	1	6	120	75	39 00	600
Post Mills.....	Feb. 26, 1839	Jas. Caldwell,	A. P.	Jan. 17, 1837	1873	24	45	69	10	0	1	1	2	0	0	2	0	0	70	...	.....	1,000
Randolph.....	May 30, 1786	H. J. Colwell,	P.	June, 1863	1873	39	68	107	18	5	4	9	1	2	0	3	0	2	55	120	72 80	1,500
Randolph West..	Oct. 21, 1831	S. W. Dike,	P.	Feb. 3, 1869	1868	54	106	160	55	0	1	1	3	0	1	4	0	0	150	125	189 38	12,000
Strafford	Nov., 1820	Vacant.	.....	....	.....	10	28	38	3	5	4	9	2	2	0	4	4	0	30	40	28 00	2,500
Thetford.....	1773	Vacant.	.....	.....	.....	70	122	192	40	1	1	2	3	4	0	7	1	2	150	100	440 85	6,000
Tunbridge.....	Feb. 5, 1792	S. F. Lougee,	P.	Oct. 2, 1873	1872	16	24	40	9	4	0	4	2	1	0	3	2	1	75	125	16 35	3,500
Vershire.....	July 14, 1787	Vacant.	.....	.....	.....	15	33	48	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	....	...	.....	.....
Wells River.....	June 13, 1842	Wm. S. Palmer,	P.	Feb. 19, 1862	1862	47	126	173	23	2	1	3	6	5	0	11	2	4	230	200	450 00	8,000
Williamstown ...	Aug. 13, 1795	T. M. May.	A. P.	Sept. 25, 1872	1872	22	60	82	23	6	1	7	0	0	0	0	6	0	80	120	34 31	4,000
20		7 Pastors; 8 A. P.				629	1323	1952	344	53	84	87	39	41	8	83	38	25	2038	2081	$2726 64	$77,050

Minister without charge—Joseph Marsh, Thetford; Joseph Fuller, Vershire; Silas McKeen, D. D., Bradford; Isaac Hosford, North Thetford.

Ordained—S. F. Lougee, Tunbridge, Oct. 2, 1873.

Deceased—Ammi Nichols, Braintree, Aug. 24, 1873.

Register of Conference—Rev. W. S. Palmer.

Installed—H. J. Colwell at Randolph, April 8, 1874.

Dismissed—Richard T. Searle, Thetford, Dec. 15, 1873.

Time of meeting of Conference—Last Tuesday in May.

9. ORLEANS CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. E. P. Wild.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min Com'ved.	Church Memb'rs				Admitted.			Removed.				Bap'ms.		Sabbath School.	Average Congreg.	Benev'nt Contrib.	Estima'd Value of Church Property
						Male.	Fem.	Total	Abs.	Prof.	Let.	Total	De'th	Dism	Excl.	Total	Ad'lt.	Inf'nt				
Albany	Aug. 16, 1818	Albert Watson,	P.	June 27, 1871	1872	22	28	50	8	4	3	7	2	1	0	3	3	1	75	90	$21 25	$3,500
Barton	Sept. 24, 1817	Vacant.																				
Brighton	Oct. 5, 1841	R. A. Wheelock,	A. P.	June, 1843	1873																	
Brownington	March 4, 1839	Vacant.				23	45	68	15	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	45	60	28 00	1,000
Charleston	May 14, 1844	Wm. T. Herrick,	A. P.	May 28, 1851	1872	18	43	61	11	0	0	0	4	5	0	9	0	0	125	123	190 75	4,000
Coventry	Oct. 2, 1810	W. C. Somerville,	A. P.	October, 1851	1874	40	75	115	21	1	1	2	3	10	2	14	1	6				7,000
Craftsbury	July 4, 1797	Edward P. Wild,	P.	Oct. 11, 1865	1865	48	92	140	18	3	1	4	3	6	0	9	0	2	158	110	251 00	4,000
Derby	Aug. 9, 1807	James Hay,	A. P.																			
Glover	July 12, 1817	S. K. B. Perkins,	P.	Jan. 11, 1860	1858	25	52	77	17	1	1	2	1	0	0	1	1	0	165	145	51 04	5,300
Greensboro	Nov. 24, 1804	Vacant.				30	51	81	20	0	0	0	2	5	0	7	0	0	151	75	20 74	5,000
Holland	Nov. 30, 1842	Vacant.				2	8	10	5	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0				
Irasburgh	Jan. 28, 1818	Azro A. Smith,	A. P.	Feb. 11, 1864	1870	22	35	57	15	5	3	8	3	5	0	8	4	4	175	125	54 00	6,300
Lowell	Jan. 10, 1816	F. B. Phelps,	P.	Oct. 18, 1870	1870	22	35	57	10	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	3	1	100	75	43 00	3,000
Morgan	June 4, 1823	Jacob S. Clark.	P.	Jan. 11, 1827	1826	5	14	19	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	50	75		400
Newport	Feb. 24, 1831	Vacant.				31	59	90	34	0	1	1	0	4	0	4	0	0	50	100	88 91	3,000
Troy	Jan. 24, 1845	David Connell,	A. P.	Oct. 20, 1842	1872	3	10	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	60		
Troy North	Feb. 5, 1818	T. E. Ranney,	A. P.	May 1, 1844	1872	17	37	54	13	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	90	85	7 00	4,000
Westfield	April 19, 1818	David Connell,	A. P.	Oct. 20, 1842	1872	15	31	46	10	1	1	2	1	6	0	7	1	1	75		12 50	1,000
18		5 Pastors; 7 A. P.				323	615	938	197	20	13	33	19	44	2	65	13	15	1289	1123	$768 19	$47,500

Ministers without charge—R. V. Hall, Newport; Jabez T. Howard, West Charleston; George Stone, North Troy.

Dismissed—A. W, Wild, from church in Greensboro, October 14, 1873.

Register of Conference—Rev. E. P. Wild.

Time of meeting of Conference—Second Tuesday in June.

10. RUTLAND CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. R. T. Hall.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min Com'ced.	Church Memb'rs				Admitted.			Removed.				Bapt'ms.		Sabbath School.	Average Congreg.	Ben'ev't Contrib.	Estima'd Value of Church Property
						Male.	Fem.	Total	Abs.	Prof.	Let.	Total	De'th	Dism	Excl.	Total	Ad'lt.	Inf'nt				
Benson		1790 Henry M. Holmes,	P.	May 10,	1866	1869	58	104	162	30	4	0	4	2	2	0	4	4	3	70	150	$91 24	$20,000
Brandon	Sept. 23,	1785 Franklin Tuxbury,	P.	July 15,	1857	1865	66	124	190	32	3	4	7	6	13	0	19	3	1	150	175	206 59	20,000
Castleton		1784 Wm. L. Woodruff,	A. P.	Licentiate,		1874	59	93	149	44	0	0	0	4	0	0	4	0	0	175	150	144 76	12,000
Clarendon	Feb. 18,	1822 N. P. Gilbert,	A. P.	July 18,	1860	1873	27	43	70	13	0	0	0	2	1	0	3	0	2	100	100	60 00	6,500
Danby	Nov. 4,	1869 E. F. Wright,	P.	Nov. 10,	1873	1872	8	18	26	4	4	0	4	0	3	0	3	4	0	35	50	.....	2,000
Fairhaven	Jan. 2,	1833 K. C. Anderson,	A. P.	May 21,	1873	1873	23	54	76	10	0	3	3	1	1	0	2	0	0	64	75	75 00	5,000
Hubbardton		1782 R. G. Williams,	A. P.	Sept.,	1853	1873	13	22	35	13	2	0	2	1	5	0	6	2	0	50	60	20 00	4,000
Middletown	Nov.,	1780 O. Myrick,	P.		1846	1869	13	34	47	7	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	140	100	12 00	7,500
Pawlet	Aug. 8,	1781 John F. Aiken,	A. P.	Oct. 2,	1873	1873	13	69	82	2	1	1	2	6	2	0	8	1	0	60	140	10 00	7,500
Pittsford	April 14,	1784 Russell T. Hall,	P.	Sept. 8,	1870	1870	79	125	205	27	13	5	18	3	10	3	16	7	0	170	200	501 00	12,000
Poultney		1780 Calvin Granger,	A. P.	Aug. 6,	1834	1873	30	58	88	22	2	0	2	1	5	1	7	0	0	....	....	.....	5,000
Rutland	Oct. 5,	1788 James G. Johnson,	P.	Dec. 27,	1866	1870	124	262	386	76	12	8	20	6	25	0	31	3	6	260	500	2500 00	60,000
Rutland West	Oct. 13,	1773 John K. Williams,	A. P.	Nov. 26,	1866	1872	68	124	192	29	3	1	4	4	6	0	10	1	1	175	190	360 28	18,000
Sudbury		1791 Henry F. Rustedt,	A. P.	Feb. 3,	1841	1857	9	21	30	5	0	0	0	1	4	0	5	0	0	30	35	.....	2,000
Tinmouth		1780 Vacant.	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....
Wallingford		1792 A. Walker, D. D.,	P.	Dec. 30,	1840	1862	30	77	107	20	0	0	0	4	2	0	6	0	1	138	137	354 80	6,000
West Haven	Dec. 24,	1816 Vacant.	.....	.....	....	....	6	4	10	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....
17		7 Pastors; 8 A. P.					622	1233	1855	333	44	22	66	41	81	4	126	25	14	1617	2062	$4335 67	$187,500

Ministers without charge—Harvey O. Higley, Ulric Maynard, Levi H. Stone, Castleton; Amasa Stewart, Pittsford; Stephen Williams, Clarendon.

Ordained—John F. Aiken, Pawlet, Oct. 2, 1873; Edwin F. Wright, Danby, Nov. 11, 1873.

Licentiate—William L. Woodruff, Castleton.

Register of Conference—Rev. Russell T. Hall. *Time of meeting of Conference*—First Tuesday of June.

11. WASHINGTON CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. William S. Hazen.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act'g Pas.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min Con'ced.	Church Memb'rs Male.	Fem.	Total	Abs.	Admitted. Prof.	Let.	Total	Removed. De'th	Dism	Excl.	Total	Bap'ms. Ad'lt.	Inf'nt	Sabbath School.	Average Congreg.	Ben'v'nt Contrib.	Estima'd Value of Church Property
Barre	Nov. 14, 1799	Leonard Tenney,	A. P.	Mar. 19, 1845	1868	55	114	169	44	3	1	4	4	0	0	4	1	0	204	150	$278 37	$8,000
Berlin	Oct. 17, 1798	Edwin Seabury,	A. P.	June, 1840	1870	21	43	64	33	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	126	98	80 00	4,000
Berlin West	Feb. 16, 1865	John F. Stone,	A. P.	Jan. 21, 1829	1864	8	14	22	0	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	65	45	42 00	3,000
Duxbury	Jan. 18, 1836	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	8	10	18	8	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	0	70	70	.....	.....
Marshfield	May 18, 1826	N. F. Cobleigh,	P.	Aug. 16, 1871	1870	14	21	35	4	0	2	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	80	75	41 00	2,600
Montpelier	July 20, 1808	W. H. Lord, D. D.,	P.	Sept. 21, 1847	1847	158	284	442	....	1	4	5	2	3	0	5	1	2	340	400	684 00	70,000
Northfield	May 27, 1822	W. S. Hazen,	P.	Oct 12, 1864	1863	35	68	103	5	1	2	3	1	1	0	2	0	1	159	115	154 57	7,500
Plainfield	Nov. 12, 1799	Chas. Redfield,	A. P.	June 9, 1859	1873	10	23	33	12	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	35	60	4 50	4,000
Roxbury	March, 1864	Alden Ladd,	P.	Feb 15, 1835	1-63	22	36	58	5	4	0	4	2	0	1	3	1	2	50	70	40 00	4,000
Waitsfield	June 27, 1796	James H. Babbitt,	P.	Sept. 10, 1868	1868	48	96	144	25	3	4	7	2	4	0	6	2	0	135	98	165 55	8,000
Warren	Oct. 16, 1816	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....
Waterbury	July 10, 1801	Jona. Copeland,	A. P.	Nov. 14, 1843	1867	45	97	142	18	1	3	4	8	5	0	13	1	1	126	....	161 53	8,000
Worcester	Feb. 28, 1824	Wm. Schofield,	P.	Feb. 24, 1874	1873	10	41	51	9	11	2	13	1	1	0	2	8	0	73	98	.....	1,100
13		6 Pastors; 5 A. P.				434	847	1281	160	26	19	45	24	17	1	42	15	6	1463	1279	$1651 52	$120,200

Ministers without charge—Charles S. Smith, Sec'y Vt. D, M. S, Montpelier; Horace Pratt, Northfield.

Ordained—William Schofield, Feb. 24, 1874, Worcester.

Licentiate—R. D. Metcalf, Orange.

Register of Conference—Rev. J. H. Babbitt, Waitsfield.

Time of meeting of Conference—Second Tuesday in June.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min Com'ced.	Church Memb'rs Male.	Fem.	Total	Abs.	Admitted. Prof.	Let.	Total	Removed. De'th	Dism	Excl.	Total	Bapt'ms. Ad'lt.	Inf'nt	Sabbath School	Average Congreg.	Benev'nt Contrib.	Estima'd Value of Church Property.
Bellows Falls	Aug. 9, 1850	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	28	38	66	26	2	1	3	4	1	0	5	0	0	116	100	$136 92	$6,000
Brattleboro West	1770	Chas. H. Merrill,	P.	Nov. 8, 1870	1873	53	98	151	14	5	16	21	2	5	0	7	0	3	140	160	328 50	5 000
Brattleboro East	July 15, 1816	Nath'l Highill,	P.	Sept. 29, 1864	1867	97	206	303	42	5	15	20	5	3	0	8	2	2	275	450	2157 68	40,000
Cambridgeport	April 16, 1868	Amos Foster,	A. P.	Mar. 2, 1825	1873	14	24	38	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	60	15 00	3,000
Dover	Jan. 3, 1872	O. C. Dickerson,	A. P.	Mar. 16, 1857	1871	9	16	25	6	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	5 00	0
Dover West	Jan. 17, 1869	H. H. Olds,	P.	.....	1874	9	12	21	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	65	80	.....	.....
Dummerston	Aug. 17, 1779	L. G. Chase,	P.	Aug. 24, 1870	1870	28	83	111	32	1	0	1	4	0	0	4	1	0	100	90	165 59	3,000
Fayetteville	June 30, 1774	Chas. Burnham,	A. P.	Nov., 1841	1874	26	71	97	26	8	2	10	2	3	0	5	7	0	90	100	23 00	4,000
Grafton	June 20, 1785	Earl J. Ward,	P.	Mar. 11, 1868	1867	40	71	111	30	1	2	3	2	0	0	2	0	0	106	....	62 50	.....
Guilford East	1768	O. C. Dickerson,	A. P.	.....	....	3	7	10	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25	.....	.....
Jamaica	Sept., 1791	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	11	21	32	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	75	24 29	3,000
Londonderry N.	Aug. 19, 1868	E. C. Birge,	A. P.	.....	1874	8	16	24	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	....	0	.....
Marlboro	Oct. 20, 1776	Joseph Garland,	A. P.	June 21, 1848	1873	6	15	21	8	0	0	0	0	6	0	6	0	0	60	40	0	.....
Putney	Oct. 16, 1776	Jehiel Claflin,	A. P.	.....	1838	1873	19	64	83	19	1	1	2	3	0	0	3	0	0	110	90	.....	6,000
Saxton's River	Jan. 1, 1825	Joseph Chandler,	A. P.	Apr. 22, 1846	1873	35	54	89	36	0	1	1	2	0	0	2	0	1	60	75	10 00	5,000
Stratton	Aug. 17, 1801	A. B. Emmons,	A. P.	Oct. 28, 1873	1873	6	15	21	8	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	50	65	18 25	.....
Townshend East	Sept. 7, 1792	F. W. Olmstead,	A. P.	July, 1848	1870	39	59	98	18	5	2	7	1	2	0	3	3	0	125	150	75 00	8,000
Townshend West	Oct. 8, 1850	J. B. Baldwin,	A. P.	.....	1832	1873	15	49	64	6	7	4	11	0	6	0	6	7	0	75	80	55 75	3,000
Wardsboro	Dec. 9, 1858	Thomas Baldwin,	A. P.	June 24, 1836	1874	8	23	31	5	4	0	4	1	1	0	2	4	0	48	75	0	2,500
Westminster	June 11, 1767	Pliny F. Barnard,	A. P.	Jan. 14, 1847	1873	16	67	83	14	2	6	8	1	7	0	8	1	0	143	125	120 00	6,000
Westminster W.	Oct. 31, 1799	A. Stevens, D. D.,	P.	Feb. 22, 1843	1842	47	54	101	11	1	2	3	2	0	0	2	0	1	142	125	250 00	5,000
Wilmington	July 4, 1855	A. C. Field,	P.	June 28, 1866	1871	26	52	78	28	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	40	80	28 00	2,000
Windham	Sept. 9, 1805	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	34	53	87	30	0	2	2	1	0	0	1	0	5	100	100	181 00	3,500
23		7 Pastors; 13 A. P.				577	1168	1745	382	42	55	97	32	35	0	67	25	12	1945	2185	$3656 28	$129,000

Ministers without charge—Augustus Chandler, Dummerston: Lewis Grout, Agent American Missionary Association, West Brattleboro.

Installed—A. C. Field, Wilmington, Apr. 22; H. H. Olds, West Dover, Apr. 25; C. H. Merrill, West Brattleboro, Oct. 30, '73.

Dismissed—Cyrus Hamlin, Bellows Falls, March 25.

Time of meeting of Conference—First Wednesday in September.

13. WINDSOR CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. William Sewall.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min Con'ted.	Church Memb'rs Male.	Fem.	Total	Abs.	Admitted. Prof.	Let.	Total	Removed. De'th	Dism	Excl.	Total	Bapt'ms. Ad'lt.	Inf'nt	Sabbath School.	Average Congreg.	Bev'v'nt Contrib.	Estima'd Value of Church Propert'y
Ascutneyville....	Dec. 15, 1869	Franklin Butler,	A. P.	Jan. 13, 1843	1870	8	14	22	1	0	1	1	2	0	0	2	0	0	70	90	$65 00	$2,500
Barnard.....	May 15, 1782	Vacant.				....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....
Bethel.....	July 25, 1817	Elbridge Gerry,	A. P.	Sept. 24, 1868	1872	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....
Bridgewater.....	Jan. 1, 1793	Vacant.				....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....
Chester.....	Oct. 27, 1773	J. G. Hale,	A. P.	Sept. 30, 1852	1869	45	95	140	21	3	2	5	4	6	0	10	3	0	160	150	204 58	6,000
Hartford.....	1786	John Rogers,	A. P.	June, 1861	1873	50	110	160	32	0	0	0	4	3	0	7	6	4	250	275	210 00	15,000
Hartford West..	June 3, 1830	Bezaleel Smith,	A. P.	May 13, 1829	1871	21	35	56	12	0	1	1	2	4	0	6	0	0	55	65	37 00	4,000
Hartland.....	Sept. 6, 1799	Vacant.				7	28	35	0	0	0	0	2	3	0	5	0	0	50	100	10 00	.....
Ludlow.....	Sept. 25, 1806	Silas P. Cook,	A. P.	June, 1869	1873	28	66	94	31	5	0	5	4	0	1	5	3	0	126	90	147 76	2,000
Norwich.....	June 15, 1819	William Sewall,	P.	May, 1855	1865	73	141	214	35	12	2	14	9	1	0	10	6	1	250	187	543 00	8,000
Pittsfield.....	Sept. 17, 1803	Vacant.				....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....
Plymouth.....	May 24, 1802	Vacant.				....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....
Pomfret.....	Jan. 8, 1783	Vacant.				12	32	44	9	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	....	....	.....	2,000
Quechee.....	Jan. 13, 1831	J. Clement, D. D.,	A. P.	Oct. 20, 1830	1869	8	40	48	1	0	2	2	2	3	0	5	0	0	70	100	35 00	15,000
Rochester.....	Sept. 11, 1801	T. S. Hubbard,	A. P.	June, 1839	1868	36	76	112	26	4	4	8	2	3	0	5	3	5	180	100	130 00	6,000
Royalton.....	1777	C. B. Drake, D. D.,	P.	Oct. 12, 1837	1837	43	82	125	43	2	3	5	3	4	1	8	1	0	30	75	108 00	5,000
Royalton South..	Jan. 15, 1868	A. B. Lyon,	A. P.		1858 1873	12	32	44	0	4	1	5	0	0	0	0	3	3	....	80	60 00	5,600
Sharon.....	Sept. 11, 1782	E. B. Chamberlain,	A. P.	Mar. 12, 1856	1874	24	46	70	2	1	4	5	3	5	0	8	1	2	75	70	81 00	7,000
Springfield.....	Oct. 3, 1781	Vacant.				122	282	404	37	17	8	25	6	8	1	15	11	6	394	365	2764 74	25,000
Stockbridge.....	Oct. 8, 1827	Chas. W. Clark,	A. P.	June 13, 1861	1871	25	54	79	21	7	0	7	1	4	0	5	4	1	60	59	8 00	6,000
Weathersfield C.	1775	J. B. Clark,	A. P.		1869 1874	28	28	56	21	0	0	0	2	4	0	6	0	0	30	....	.....	.....
Weathersfield E.	Apr. 11, 1838	Sidney Holman,	A. P.	Jan. 8, 1822	1871	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....
Weston.....	Sept. 4, 1799	Robert Samuel,	P.	Nov. 3, 1859	1872	15	33	48	12	0	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	4	75	80	57 57	2,000
Windsor.....	Sept. 21, 1768	R. T. Searle,	P.	May 8, 1845	1874	65	122	187	35	4	1	5	2	8	0	10	4	0	150	....	195 66	10,000
Woodstock.....	Dec. 26, 1781	Vacant.				60	142	202	....	0	4	4	4	6	1	11	0	4	150	175	3000 00	16,000
25		4 Pastors; 14 A. P.				682	1458	2140	339	59	38	97	53	64	4	121	39	30	2175	2061	$7657 31	$137,100

Minister without charge—A. C. Child, Sharon.

Installed—R. T. Searle, at Windsor, March 4, 1874; Robert Samuel, Weston, January 14, 1874.

Dismissed—A. B. Dascomb, Woodstock, February 3, 1874; L. H. Cobb, Springfield, May 3; S. P. Cook, Windsor.

Time of meeting of Conference—First Tuesday in June.

SUMMARY.

CONFERENCES.	Churches.						Ministers.							Church Members.			Admitted.			Removed.				Bapt'ms.		Sabbath School.	Average Congregation.	Benevolent Contributions.	Estimated Value of Church Property.
	Total Churches.	Chs. with Pastors.	Chs. with A. P.	Chs. with Licen'tes	Vacant Churches.	Chs. rep. ad. by pf.	Chs. rep. no ad. by pf.	Net gain.	Not loss.	Pastors.	Acting Pastors.	Licentiates.	Without charge.	Ordained.	Installed.	Dismissed.	Deceased.	Total Ministers.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Absent.	Profession.	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dismissal.	Excl'usion.	Total.	Adult.	Infant.			
Addison	14	8	3	1	2	2	1	0	15	8	3	3	3	3	1		1	17	634	1151	1785	339	15	31	46	32	29	0	61	12	97	1617	1417	$2103 93	$124,500
Bennington	11	6	4	1	2	1	1	0	4	6	4	0	4	3	1		1	19	325	632	957	119	17	33	50	18	33	7	58	25	58	1354	1290	1693 40	123,200
Caledonia	14	8	3	3	1	1	1	0	11	8	3	1	3	3	1		1	17	385	1240	1745	381	5	51	56	27	24	3	54	22	26	1049	1102	1774 90	105,600
Chittenden	18	6	5	2	2	2	1	0	11	6	5	1	3	3	1		1	24	463	866	1325	296	27	32	59	34	41	4	79	16	10	1472	1236	2097 96	2 0,000
Essex	13	5	2	2	2	2	2	0	2	5	2	2	2	2				15	352	644	996	202	17	17	34	31	30	2	63	6	19	1167	1107	4171 65	81,000
Franklin & Gd. Isle.	18	8	4	2	2	2	1	0	4	8	4	1	4	3	1		1	22	495	893	1388	72	15	5	20	24	21	2	47	4	2	448	525	624 64	39,600
Lamoille	9	6	3	1	2	1	1	0	2	6	3	1	3	2	1		1	17	329	623	952	344	33	87	120	35	33	2	70	8	25	1038	2081	2796 64	77,650
Orange	20	12	4	3	1	2	2	0	2	12	4	1	4	4	1		1	19	534	1013	1547	197	20	11	31	19	44	2	65	15	14	1269	1423	1768 19	47,500
Orleans	17	9	3	2	3	2	2	0	1	9	3	2	3	3	1		1	20	353	1255	1608	333	44	51	95	41	81	4	126	25	14	1617	2062	4353 67	87,000
Rutland	23	12	5	2	3	2	2	0	3	12	5	2	5	5	1		1	29	622	1265	1887	160	25	11	36	17	17	1	42	15	6	1463	1279	1651 52	120,300
Washington	13	7	4	1	1	1	1	0	1	7	4	1	4	3	1		1	19	434	847	1281	382	43	52	95	32	35	0	67	12	30	1945	2185	3626 98	129,000
Windham	23	12	4	3	2	2	1	0	3	12	4	3	4	4	1		1	21	577	1168	1745	339	38	57	95	53	64	4	121	39	30	2175	2061	7657 31	137,100
Windsor	25	14	5	3	3	2	2	0	4	14	5	3	5	5	1		1	19	682	1358	2140	339	59	38	97	53	82	4	139	39	16	3175	3961		
	197	105	46	24	24	20	15	0	65	105	46	24	46	44	12	8	4	199	5751	11294	17045	3194	415	376	791	358	405	19	817	240	216	18534	18228	$47027 18	$1,372,950

5. ESSEX CONFERENCE. Reported by REV. S. R. HALL.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastor or Act. Pas.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min Com'ced.	Church Memb'rs				Admitted.			Removed.				Bap'ms.		Sabbath School.	Average Congreg.	Benev'nt Contrib.	Estimat'd Value of Church Property
						Male.	Fem.	Total	Abs.	Prof.	Let.	Total.	De'th	Dism.	Excl.	Total	Ad'lt.	Inf'nt				
Granby&Victory	Jan. 8, 1823	S. R. Hall,	A. P.	March 8, 1823	1872	25	37	62	9	12	0	12	3	0	0	3	0	0	70	75	$52 85	$850
Guildhall.....	Apr. 1, 1799	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	60	.....	2,500
Lunenburgh.....	Dec. 27, 1802	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	100	.....	2,000
3		1 Acting Pastor.				25	37	62	9	12	0	12	3	0	0	3	0	0	70	235	$52 85	$5,350

Minister without charge—Jeremiah Glines, Lunenburgh.
Register of Conference—Rev. H. V. Emmons, Lancaster, N. H.
Time of meeting of Conference—Second Tuesday of June.

6. FRANKLIN AND GRAND ISLE CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. A. B. SWIFT.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min Connect.	Church Memb'rs				Admitted			Removed.				Bap'ms.		Sabbath School.	Average Congreg.	Bener'nt Contrib.	Estimat'd Value of Church Property
						Male.	Fem.	Total	Abs.	Prof.	Let.	Total	De'th	Dism	Excl.	Total	Ad't.	Inf'nt				
Alburgh	Feb. 18, 1824	D. T. Taylor,	A. P.		1874	14	46	60	34	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	112	100	$11 45	$3,000
Bakersfield	July 3, 1811	Richard Hicks,	A. P.	June 7, 1867	1872	32	70	102	35	3	0	3	5	5	0	10	2	0	80	90	20 00	7,000
East Berkshire	July 15, 1820	Elias W. Hatch,	P.	Sept. 25, 1866	1866	20	33	53	7	0	2	2	1	1	0	2	6	0	90	75	70 00	2,000
Enosburgh	Oct. 11, 1811	Alfred B. Swift,	A. P.	January, 1855	1861	61	72	133	27	8	0	8	5	6	0	11	3	2	105	90	340 00	10,000
Fairfield	Sept. 22, 1800					10	16	26	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	30	40	23 75	31,000
Franklin	Oct. 9, 1806	Joseph R. Munsell,	A. P.	1832	1868	12	25	37	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	56	75	.....	4,000
Georgia	Nov. 7, 1793	C. B. Cady,	A. P.	1838	1873	22	44	66	14	0	0	0	1	3	0	4	0	0	50	65	75 71	4,000
Highgate	Oct. 28. 1811	James P. Stone,	A. P.	Oct. 16, 1839	1872	14	30	44	12	0	0	0	7	1	0	8	0	3	100	85	37 00	3,000
Montgomery	July 15, 1817					17	26	43	9	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	74	37	18 23	.....
Sheldon	August, 1816	C. H. Rowley,	A. P.	Licentiate,	1872	18	21	39	12	0	0	0	2	1	0	3	0	2	76	75	94 96	3,000
St. Albans 1st	Jan. 2, 1803	C. Van Norden,	P.	Dec. 19, 1866	1873	100	188	288	25	3	9	12	4	12	0	16	6	5	275	300	3200 00	30,000
St. Albans 2d	May 26, 1841																					
Swanton	Jan. 4, 1800	E. J. Ranslow,	A. P.	June, 1869	1869	44	98	142	24	3	6	9	3	1	0	4	1	6	175	150	292 00	16,000
13		2 Pastors; 8 A. P.				352	644	996	202	17	17	34	32	31	0	63	6	19	1167	1107	$4183 10	$81,000

Ministers without charge—L. S. French, Franklin; A. J. Samson, St. Albans; Sewall Paine, Montgomery Center.

Ordained—Antoine Geoffroy, French Missionary, St. Albans; E. A. Lawrence, St. Albans, July 15, 1873.

Installed—C. Van Norden, St. Albans, June 23, 1873.

Licentiate—C. H. Rowley.

Register of Conference—Rev. E. J. Ranslow, Swanton.

7. LAMOILLE CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. V. M. Hardy.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min Com'ted.	Church Memb'rs				Admitted.			Removed.				Bap'ms.		Sabbath School.	Average Congreg.	Benev'l'nt Contrib.	Estima't'd Value of Church Property
						Male.	Fem.	Total	Abs.	Prof.	Let.	Total	De'th	Dism	Excl.	Total	Ad'lt.	Inf'nt				
Cambridge	Feb. 18, 1792	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	14	17	31	6	...	...	...	1	3	...	4	....	....	....	...	$150 00	$3,000
Hydepark	Mar. 5, 1803	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	5	18	23	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	....	....	....	...	.....	600
North Hydepark	Oct. 11, 1838	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	....	....	....	...	.....	.....
Johnson	Sept. 22, 1817	G. H. French,	P.	Nov. 8, 1871	1871	42	85	127	29	1	2	3	2	1	...	3	1	2	160	150	102 50	6,000
Morrisville	October, 1807	V. M. Hardy,	P.	Jan. 31, 1872	1870	31	62	93	11	...	...	...	3	...	...	3	....	....	143	140	33 00	6,000
Waterville	Nov. 7, 1823	R. Hicks,	A. P.	.....	1873	6	21	27	....	3	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	3	70	125	.....	.....
Wolcott	Oct. 28, 1818	Vacant,	.....	.....	....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	....	....	....	...	.....	.....
Stowe	Nov. 21, 1818	Daniel W. Hardy,	A. P.	Licentiate,	1874	27	60	87	21	...	...	...	1	8	2	11	....	....	75	100	339 14	4,000
8		2 Pastors; 2 A. P.				125	233	388	72	4	2	6	7	13	2	21	4	2	448	525	$624 64	$19,600

Minister without charge—James Dougherty, D D., Johnson, Horace Herrick, Wolcott.

Dismissed—Edwin Wheelock, dismissed from pastorate in Cambridge, April 25, 1874.

Register of Conference—Rev. James Dougherty, D. D., Johnson.

Time of meeting of Conference—Second Tuesday in June.

8. ORANGE CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. S. L. Bates.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min Com'ced.	Church Memb'rs				Admitted.			Removed.				Bapt'ms.		Sabbath School.	Average Congreg.	Ben'v'nt Contrib.	Estima'd Value of Church Property
						Male.	Fem.	Total	Abs.	Prof.	Let.	Total	De'th	Dism	Excl.	Total	Ad'lt.	Inf'nt				
Bradford.....	June 24, 1810	L. H. Elliot,	A. P.	May 2, 1866	1873	38	119	157	34	5	2	7	4	10	2	16	5	1	159	160	$359 40	$6,000
Braintree.....	Dec. 25, 1794	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	14	27	41	15	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	40	70	27 00	1,750
Braintree East ..	Oct. 24, 1871	H. C. Howard,	A. P.	Oct. 29, 1873	1872	18	38	56	6	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	125	90	13 36	.....
Brookfield 1st....	Sept. 23, 1785	G. B. Tolman,	A. P.	July 10, 1862	1871	34	57	91	7	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	93	90	105 90	3,800
Brookfield 2d....	Nov. 16, 1848	Wm. A. Bushee,	P.	Aug. 19, 1869	1868	37	66	103	8	3	7	10	2	2	0	4	3	1	140	110	112 79	3,500
Chelsea.....	April 10, 1789	E. E. Herrick,	P.	Feb. 29, 1864	1870	61	114	175	20	4	0	4	3	0	0	3	4	0	150	165	155 90	8,000
Corinth.....	Oct. 10, 1820	C. M. Winch,	A. P.	June 29, 1853	1869	37	67	104	24	11	4	15	5	5	1	11	8	0	80	125	19 85	3,000
Fairlee	Feb. 28, 1833	J. M. Fulton,	.....	Methodist,	....	15	30	45	10	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	95	120	0	500
Fairlee West....	Dec. 6, 1809	Solon Martin,	A. P.	June 16, 1835	1873	24	44	68	0	0	0	0	4	3	0	7	0	0	30	60	0	1,000
Newbury	Sept., 1764	S. L. Bates,	P.	Mar. 23, 1864	1871	39	119	158	25	4	4	8	1	2	0	3	2	7	166	180	661 75	8,000
Newbury West..	Feb., 1867	R. Dexter Miller,	A. P.	July 2, 1856	1870	15	30	45	5	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	1	6	120	75	39 00	600
Post Mills.....	Feb. 26, 1839	Jas. Caldwell,	A. P.	Jan. 17, 1837	1873	24	45	69	10	0	1	1	2	0	0	2	0	0	70	...	.....	1,000
Randolph.....	May 30, 1786	H. J. Colwell,	P.	June, 1863	1873	39	68	107	18	5	4	9	1	2	0	3	0	2	55	120	72 80	4,500
Randolph West..	Oct. 21, 1831	S. W. Dike,	P.	Feb. 3, 1869	1868	54	106	160	55	0	1	1	3	0	1	4	0	0	150	125	189 38	12,000
Strafford	Nov., 1820	Vacant.	.....	....	....	10	28	38	3	5	4	9	0	2	0	2	4	0	30	46	28 00	2,500
Thetford.....	1773	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	70	122	192	40	1	1	2	3	4	0	7	1	2	150	100	440 85	6,000
Tunbridge.....	Feb. 5, 1792	S. F. Lougee,	P.	Oct. 2, 1873	1872	16	24	40	9	4	0	4	2	1	0	3	2	1	75	125	16 35	3,500
Vershire.....	July 14, 1787	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	15	33	48	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	....	...	.....	.....
Wells River.....	June 13, 1842	Wm. S. Palmer,	P.	Feb. 19, 1862	1862	47	126	173	23	2	1	3	6	5	0	11	2	4	230	200	450 00	8,000
Williamstown ...	Aug. 13, 1795	T. M. May.	A. P.	Sept. 25, 1872	1872	22	60	82	23	6	1	7	0	0	0	0	6	0	80	120	34 31	4,000
20		7 Pastors; 8 A. P.				629	1323	1952	344	53	34	87	39	41	3	83	38	25	2038	2081	$2726 64	$77,650

Minister swithout charge—Joseph Marsh, Thetford; Joseph Fuller, Vershire; Silas McKeen, D. D., Bradford; Isaac Hosford, North Thetford.

Ordained—S. F. Lougee, Tunbridge, Oct. 2, 1873.

Deceased—Ammi Nichols, Braintree, Aug. 24, 1873.

Register of Conference—Rev. W. S. Palmer.

Installed—H. J. Colwell at Randolph, April 8, 1874.

Dismissed—Richard T. Searle, Thetford, Dec. 15, 1873.

Time of meeting of Conference—Last Tuesday in May.

9. ORLEANS CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. E. P. Wild.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Agt. Pas.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min Con'rred.	Church Memb'rs.				Admitted.			Removed.				Bap'ms.		Sabbath School.	Average Congreg.	Bene'v'nt Contrib.	Estima'd Value of Church Property
						Male.	Fem.	Total	Abs.	Prof.	Let.	Total	De'th	Dism	Excl.	Total	Ad'lt.	Inf'nt				
Albany	Aug. 16, 1818	Albert Watson,	P.	June 27, 1871	1872	22	28	50	8	4	3	7	2	1	0	3	3	1	75	90	$21 25	$3,500
Barton	Sept. 21, 1817	Vacant.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Brighton	Oct. 5, 1841	R. A. Wheelock,	A. P.	June, 1843	1873	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Brownington	March 4, 1809	Vacant.	.....	.....	.....	23	45	68	15	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	45	60	28 00	1,000
Charleston	May 14, 1844	Wm. T. Herrick,	A. P.	May 28, 1851	1872	18	43	61	11	0	0	0	4	5	0	9	0	0	125	123	190 75	4,000
Coventry	Oct. 2, 1810	W. C. Somerville,	A. P.	October, 1851	1874	40	75	115	21	1	1	2	2	10	2	14	1	6	.....	.....	.....	7,000
Craftsbury	July 4, 1797	Edward P. Wild,	P.	Oct. 11, 1865	1865	48	92	140	18	3	1	4	3	6	0	9	0	2	158	110	251 00	4,000
Derby	Aug. 9, 1807	James Hay,	A. P.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Glover	July 13, 1817	S. K. B. Perkins,	P.	Jan. 11, 1860	1858	25	52	77	17	1	1	2	1	0	0	1	1	0	165	145	51 04	5,300
Greensboro	Nov. 24, 1801	Vacant.	.....	.....	.....	30	51	81	20	0	0	0	2	5	0	7	0	0	151	75	20 74	5,000
Holland	Nov. 30, 1842	Vacant.	.....	.....	.....	2	8	10	5	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	.....	.....	.....	.....
Irasburgh	Jan. 28, 1818	Azro A. Smith,	A. P.	Feb. 11, 1864	1870	22	35	57	15	5	3	8	3	5	0	8	4	4	175	125	54 00	6,300
Lowell	Jan. 10, 1816	F. B. Phelps,	P.	Oct. 18, 1870	1870	22	35	57	10	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	3	1	100	75	43 00	3,000
Morgan	June 4, 1823	Jacob S. Clark,	P.	Jan. 11, 1827	1826	5	14	19	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	50	75	.....	400
Newport	Feb. 24, 1831	Vacant.	.....	.....	.....	31	59	90	34	0	1	1	0	4	0	4	0	0	50	100	88 91	3,000
Troy	Jan. 24, 1845	David Connell,	A. P.	Oct. 20, 1842	1872	3	10	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	60	.....	.....
Troy North	Feb. 5, 1818	T. E. Ranney,	A. P.	May 1, 1844	1872	17	37	54	13	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	90	85	7 00	4,000
Westfield	April 19, 1818	David Connell,	A. P.	Oct. 20, 1842	1872	15	31	46	10	1	1	2	1	6	0	7	1	1	75	.....	12 50	1,000
18		5 Pastors; 7 A. P.				323	615	938	197	20	13	33	19	44	2	65	13	15	1289	1123	$768 19.	$47,500

Ministers without charge—R. V. Hall, Newport; Jabez T. Howard, West Charleston; George Stone, North Troy.

Dismissed—A. W, Wild, from church in Greensboro, October 14, 1873.

Register of Conference—Rev. E. P. Wild.

Time of meeting of Conference—Second Tuesday in June.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min Com'ced.	Church Memb'rs				Admitted.			Removed.				Bapt'ms.		Sabbath School.	Average Congreg.	Ben'v'nt Contrib.	Estima'd Value of Church Property
						Male.	Fem.	Total	Abs.	Prof.	Let.	Total	De'th	Dism	Excl.	Total	Ad'lt.	Inf'nt				
Benson		1790 Henry M. Holmes,	P.	May 10,	1869	58	104	162	33	4	0	4	2	2	0	4	4	3	70	150	$91 24	$20,000
Brandon	Sept. 23,	1785 Franklin Tuxbury,	P.	July 15,	1857	66	124	190	32	3	4	7	6	13	0	19	3	1	150	175	206 59	20,000
Castleton		1784 Wm. L. Woodruff,	A. P.	Licentiate,	1874	55	93	149	44	0	0	0	4	0	0	4	0	0	175	150	144 76	12,000
Clarendon	Feb. 18,	1822 N. P. Gilbert,	A. P.	July 18,	1860	1873	27	43	70	13	0	0	0	2	1	0	3	0	2	100	100	60 00	6,500
Danby	Nov. 4,	1869 E. F. Wright,	P.	Nov. 10,	1873	1872	8	18	26	4	4	0	4	0	3	0	3	4	0	35	50	.....	2,000
Fairhaven	Jan. 2,	1803 K. C. Anderson,	A. P.	May 21,	1873	1873	22	54	76	10	0	3	3	1	1	0	2	0	0	64	75	75 00	5,000
Hubbardton		1782 R. G. Williams,	A. P.	Sept.,	1853	1873	13	22	35	13	2	0	2	1	5	0	6	2	0	50	60	20 00	4,000
Middletown	Nov.,	1780 O. Myrick,	P.		1846	1869	13	34	47	7	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	140	100	12 00	7,500
Pawlet	Aug. 8,	1781 John F. Aiken,	A. P.	Oct. 2,	1873	1873	13	69	82	2	1	1	2	6	2	0	8	1	0	60	140	10 00	7,500
Pittsford	April 14,	1784 Russell T. Hall,	P.	Sept. 8,	1870	1870	79	126	205	27	13	5	18	3	10	3	16	7	0	170	200	501 00	12,000
Poultney		1780 Calvin Granger,	A. P.	Aug. 6,	1834	1873	30	58	88	22	2	0	2	1	5	1	7	0	0	....	....	.....	5,000
Rutland	Oct. 5,	1788 James G. Johnson,	P.	Dec. 27,	1866	1870	124	262	386	76	12	8	20	6	25	0	31	3	6	260	500	2500 00	60,000
Rutland West	Oct. 13,	1773 John K. Williams,	A. P.	Nov. 26,	1866	1872	68	124	192	28	3	1	4	4	6	0	10	1	1	175	190	360 28	18,000
Sudbury		1791 Henry F. Rustedt,	A. P.	Feb. 3,	1841	1857	9	21	30	5	0	0	0	1	4	0	5	0	0	30	85	.....	2,000
Tinmouth		1780 Vacant.	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....
Wallingford		1792 A. Walker, D. D.,	P.	Dec. 30,	1840	1862	30	77	107	25	0	0	0	4	2	0	6	0	1	138	137	354 80	6,000
West Haven	Dec. 24,	1816 Vacant.	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	4	10	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....
17		7 Pastors; 8 A. P.					622	1233	1855	333	44	22	66	41	81	4	126	25	14	1617	2062	$4335 67	$187,500

Ministers without charge—Harvey O. Higley, Ulric Maynard, Levi H. Stone, Castleton; Amasa Stewart, Pittsford; Stephen Williams, Clarendon.

Ordained—John F. Aiken, Pawlet, Oct. 2, 1873; Edwin F. Wright, Danby, Nov. 11, 1873.

Licentiate—William L. Woodruff, Castleton.

Register of Conference—Rev. Russell T. Hall. *Time of meeting of Conference*—First Tuesday of June.

11. WASHINGTON CONFERENCE. Reported by REV. WILLIAM S. HAZEN.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Acta Pas.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min. Com'ced.	Church Memb'rs				Admitted.			Removed.				Bap'ms.		Sabbath School.	Average Congreg.	Benev'nt Contrib.	Estimat'd Value of Church Property
						Male.	Fem.	Total	Abs.	Prof.	Let.	Total	De'th	Dism	Excl.	Total	Adult.	Infnt				
Barre	Nov. 14, 1799	Leonard Tenney,	A. P.	Mar. 19, 1845	1868	55	114	169	44	3	1	4	4	0	0	4	1	0	204	150	$278 37	$8,000
Berlin	Oct. 17, 1798	Edwin Seabury,	A. P	June, 1840	1870	21	43	64	33	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	126	98	80 00	4,000
Berlin West	Feb. 16, 1865	John F. Stone,	A. P.	Jan. 21, 1829	1864	8	14	22	0	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	65	45	42 00	3,000
Duxbury	Jan. 18, 1836	Vacant.				8	10	18	8	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	0	70	70	.....	.....
Marshfield	May 18, 1826	N. F. Cobleigh,	P.	Aug. 16, 1871	1870	14	21	35	4	0	2	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	80	75	41 00	2,600
Montpelier	July 20, 1808	W. H. Lord, D. D.,	P.	Sept. 21, 1847	1847	158	284	442	.....	1	4	5	2	3	0	5	1	2	340	400	684 00	70,000
Northfield	May 27, 1822	W. S. Hazen,	P.	Oct 12, 1864	1863	35	68	103	5	1	2	3	1	1	0	2	0	1	159	115	154 57	7,500
Plainfield	Nov. 12, 1799	Chas. Redfield,	A. P.	June 9, 1859	1873	10	23	33	12	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	35	60	4 50	4,000
Roxbury	March, 1864	Alden Ladd,	P.	Feb 15, 1853	1-63	22	36	58	5	4	0	4	2	0	1	3	1	2	50	70	40 00	4,000
Waitsfield	June 27, 1796	James H. Babbitt,	P.	Sept. 10, 1868	1868	48	96	144	25	3	4	7	2	4	0	6	2	0	135	98	165 55	8,000
Warren	Oct. 16, 1816	Vacant.				.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Waterbury	July 10, 1801	Jona. Copeland,	A. P.	Nov. 14, 1843	1867	45	97	142	18	1	3	4	8	5	0	13	1	1	126	.....	161 53	8,000
Worcester	Feb. 28, 1824	Wm. Schofield,	P.	Feb. 24, 1874	1873	10	41	51	9	11	2	13	1	1	0	2	8	0	73	98	.....	1,100
13		6 Pastors; 5 A. P.				434	847	1281	160	26	19	45	24	17	1	42	15	6	1463	1270	$1651 52	$120,200

Ministers without charge—Charles S. Smith, Sec'y Vt. D, M. S, Montpelier; Horace Pratt, Northfield.

Ordained—William Schofield, Feb. 24, 1874, Worcester.

Licentiate—R. D. Metcalf, Orango.

Register of Conference—Rev. J. H. Babbitt, Waitsfield.

Time of meeting of Conference—Second Tuesday in June.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min Con'ced.	Church Memb'rs Male.	Fem.	Total	Abs.	Admitted. Prof.	Let.	Total	Removed. De'th	Dism	Excl.	Total	Bapt'ms. Ad'lt.	Inf'nt	Sabbath School	Average Congreg.	Benev'nt Contrib.	Estima'd Value of Church Property.
Bellows Falls	Aug. 9, 1850	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	28	38	66	26	2	1	3	4	1	0	5	0	0	116	100	$136 92	$6,000
Brattleboro West	1770	Chas. H. Merrill,	P.	Nov. 8, 1870	1873	53	98	151	14	5	16	21	2	5	0	7	0	3	140	160	328 50	5 000
Brattleboro East	July 15, 1816	Nath'l Mighill,	P.	Sept. 29, 1864	1867	97	206	303	42	5	15	20	5	3	0	8	2	2	275	450	2157 68	40,000
Cambridgeport	April 16, 1868	Amos Foster,	A. P.	Mar. 2, 1825	1873	14	24	38	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	60	15 00	3,000
Dover	Jan. 3, 1872	O. C. Dickerson,	A. P.	Mar. 16, 1857	1871	9	16	25	6	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	5 00	0
Dover West	Jan. 17, 1869	H. H. Olds,	P.	.....	1874	9	12	21	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	65	80	.....	.....
Dummerston	Aug. 17, 1779	L. G. Chase,	P.	Aug. 24, 1870	1870	28	83	111	32	1	0	1	4	0	0	4	1	0	100	90	165 59	3,000
Fayetteville	June 30, 1774	Chas. Burnham,	A. P.	Nov., 1841	1874	26	71	97	26	8	2	10	2	3	0	5	1	0	90	100	23 00	4,000
Grafton	June 20, 1785	Earl J. Ward,	P.	Mar. 11, 1868	1867	40	71	111	30	1	2	3	2	0	0	2	0	0	106	....	62 50	.....
Guilford East	1768	O. C. Dickerson,	A. P.	.....	....	3	7	10	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25	.....	.....
Jamaica	Sept., 1791	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	11	21	32	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	75	24 29	3,000
Londonderry N.	Aug. 19, 1868	E. C. Birge,	A. P.	.....	1874	8	16	24	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	....	0	.....
Marlboro	Oct. 20, 1776	Joseph Garland,	A. P.	June 21, 1848	1873	6	15	21	8	0	0	0	0	6	0	6	0	0	60	40	0	.....
Putney	Oct. 16, 1776	Jehiel Claflin,	A. P.		1838	19	64	83	19	1	1	2	3	0	0	3	0	0	110	90	.....	6,000
Saxton's River	Jan. 1, 1825	Joseph Chandler,	A. P.	Apr. 22, 1846	1873	35	54	89	36	0	1	1	2	0	0	2	0	1	60	75	10 00	5,000
Stratton	Aug. 17, 1801	A. B. Emmons,	A. P.	Oct. 28, 1873	1873	6	15	21	8	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	50	65	18 25	.....
Townshend East	Sept. 7, 1792	F. W. Olmstead,	A. P.	July, 1848	1870	39	59	98	18	5	2	7	1	2	0	3	3	0	125	150	75 00	8,000
Townshend West	Oct. 8, 1850	J. B. Baldwin,	A. P.		1873	15	49	64	6	7	4	11	0	6	0	6	7	0	75	80	55 75	3,000
Wardsboro	Dec. 9, 1858	Thomas Baldwin,	A. P.	June 24, 1836	1874	8	23	31	5	4	0	4	1	1	0	2	4	0	48	75	0	2,500
Westminster	June 11, 1767	Pliny F. Barnard,	A. P.	Jan. 14, 1847	1873	16	67	83	14	2	6	8	1	7	0	8	1	0	143	125	120 00	6,000
Westminster W.	Oct. 31, 1799	A. Stevens, D. D.,	P.	Feb. 22, 1843	1842	47	54	101	11	1	2	3	2	0	0	2	0	1	142	125	250 00	5,000
Wilmington	July 4, 1855	A. C. Field,	P.	June 28, 1866	1871	26	52	78	22	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	40	80	28 00	2,000
Windham	Sept. 9, 1805	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	34	53	87	30	0	2	2	1	0	0	1	0	5	100	100	181 00	3,500
23		7 Pastors; 13 A. P.				577	1168	1745	382	42	55	97	32	35	0	67	25	12	1945	2185	$3656 28	$129,000

Ministers without charge—Augustus Chandler, Dummerston; Lewis Grout, Agent American Missionary Association, West Brattleboro.

Installed—A. C. Field, Wilmington, Apr. 22; H. H. Olds, West Dover, Apr. 25; C. H. Merrill, West Brattleboro, Oct. 30, '73.

Dismissed—Cyrus Hamlin, Bellows Falls, March 25.

Time of meeting of Conference—First Wednesday in September.

13. WINDSOR CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. William Sewall.

CHURCHES.	Organized.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas.	Ordained.	Pres. Min Conv'ed.	Church Memb'rs Male.	Fem.	Total	Abs.	Admitted. Prof.	Let.	Total	Removed. De'th	Dism	Excl.	Total	Bapt'ms. Ad'lt.	Inf'nt	Sabbath School.	Average Congreg.	Bevev'nt Contrib.	Estima'd Value of Church Property.
Ascutneyville....	Dec. 15, 1869	Franklin Butler,	A. P.	Jan. 13, 1843	1870	8	14	22	1	0	1	1	2	0	0	2	0	0	70	90	$65 00	$2,500
Barnard.....	May 15, 1782	Vacant.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bethel.....	July 25, 1817	Elbridge Gerry,	A. P.	Sept. 24, 1868	1872	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bridgewater.....	Jan. 1, 1793	Vacant.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Chester.....	Oct. 27, 1773	J. G. Hale,	A. P.	Sept. 30, 1852	1869	45	95	140	21	3	2	5	4	6	0	10	3	0	160	150	204 58	6,000
Hartford.....	1786	John Rogers,	A. P.	June, 1861	1873	50	110	160	32	0	0	0	4	3	0	7	0	4	250	275	210 00	15,000
Hartford West..	June 3, 1830	Bezaleel Smith,	A. P.	May 13, 1829	1871	21	35	56	12	0	1	1	2	4	0	6	0	0	55	65	37 00	4,000
Hartland.....	Sept. 6, 1799	Vacant.	.....	.....	.....	7	28	35	0	0	0	0	2	3	0	5	0	0	50	100	10 00	.....
Ludlow.....	Sept. 25, 1806	Silas P. Cook,	A. P.	June, 1869	1873	28	66	94	31	5	0	5	4	0	1	5	3	0	126	90	147 76	2,000
Norwich.....	June 15, 1819	William Sewall,	P.	May, 1855	1865	73	141	214	35	12	2	14	9	1	0	10	6	1	250	187	543 00	8,000
Pittsfield.....	Sept. 17, 1803	Vacant.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Plymouth.....	May 24, 1802	Vacant.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pomfret.....	Jan. 8, 1783	Vacant.	.....	.....	.....	12	32	44	9	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	.....	.....	.....	2,000
Quechee.....	Jan. 13, 1831	J. Clement, D. D.,	A. P.	Oct. 20, 1830	1869	8	40	48	1	0	2	2	2	3	0	5	0	0	70	100	35 00	15,000
Rochester.....	Sept. 11, 1801	T. S. Hubbard,	A. P.	June, 1839	1868	36	76	112	26	4	4	8	2	3	0	5	3	5	180	100	130 00	6,000
Royalton.....	1777	C. B. Drake, D. D.,	P.	Oct. 12, 1837	1837	43	82	125	43	2	3	5	3	4	1	8	1	0	30	75	108 00	5,000
Royalton South..	Jan. 15, 1868	A. B. Lyon,	A. P.	1858	1873	12	32	44	0	4	1	5	0	0	0	0	3	3	....	80	60 00	5,600
Sharon.....	Sept. 11, 1782	E. B. Chamberlain,	A. P.	Mar. 12, 1856	1874	24	46	70	2	1	4	5	3	5	0	8	1	2	75	70	81 00	7,000
Springfield.....	Oct. 3, 1781	Vacant.	.....	.....	.....	122	282	404	37	17	8	25	6	8	1	15	11	6	394	365	2764 74	25,000
Stockbridge.....	Oct. 8, 1827	Chas. W. Clark,	A. P.	June 13, 1861	1871	27	54	79	21	7	0	7	1	4	0	5	4	1	60	59	8 00	6,000
Weathersfield C.	1775	J. B. Clark,	A. P.	1839	1874	28	28	56	21	0	0	0	2	4	0	6	0	0	30	....	.....	.....
Weathersfield E.	Apr. 11, 1838	Sidney Holman,	A. P.	Jan. 8, 1822	1871	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Weston	Sept. 4, 1799	Robert Samuel,	P.	Nov. 3, 1859	1872	15	33	48	12	0	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	4	75	80	57 57	2,000
Windsor.....	Sept. 21, 1768	R. T. Searle,	P.	May 8, 1845	1874	65	122	187	35	4	1	5	2	8	0	10	4	0	150	....	195 66	10,000
Woodstock.....	Dec. 26, 1781	Vacant.	.....	.....	..	60	142	202	....	0	4	4	4	6	1	11	0	4	150	175	3000 00	16,000
25		4 Pastors; 14 A. P.				682	1458	2140	339	59	38	97	53	64	4	121	39	30	2175	2061	$7657 31	$137,100

Minister without charge—A. C. Child, Sharon.

Installed—R. T. Searle, at Windsor, March 4, 1874; Robert Samuel, Weston, January 14, 1874.

Dismissed—A. B. Dascomb, Woodstock, February 3, 1874; L. H. Cobb, Springfield, May 3; S. P. Cook, Windsor.

Time of meeting of Conference—First Tuesday in June.

SUMMARY.

CONFERENCES.	Churches.							Ministers.								Church Members.			Admitted.			Removed.			Bapt'ms.		Sabbath School.	Average Congregation.	Benevolent Contributions.	Estimated Value of Church Property.
	Total Churches.	Chs. with Pastors.	Chs. with A. P.	Chs. with Licen'tes	Vacant Churches.	Chs. rep. ad. by pf.	Chs. rep. moral. by pf.	Net gain.	Net loss.	Pastors.	Acting Pastors.	Licentiates.	Without charge.	Ordained.	Installed.	Dismissed.	Deceased.	Total Ministers.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Absent.	Profession.	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dismissal.	Exclusion.	Total.	Adult.	Infant.				
Addison	14	8	3	1	2	5	9	0	15	8	3	3	3			1		17	634	1151	1785	330	15	3	18	32	30	0	62	12	27	1617	1417	$2468 93	$124,500
Bennington	11	5	4		2	4	7	34		5	4	0	4					13	325	532	857	149	57	31	88	18	35	1	54		28	1334	1200	1643 40	123,300
Caledonia	14	6	3		3	5	11	15		5	3		3			2		17	585	1200	1785	381	51	5	109	27	65	2	94		28	1949	1952	9774 99	98,600
Chittenden	18	5	5		7	11		11		7	1	1	1			1		24	463	860	1323	296	27	3	59	34	41	0	75		10	1472	1236	2067 96	2 0,000
Essex	8	0	1		2		2			1								1																
Franklin & Gd. Isle.	13	2	2		2	2	2			3	1		1					5	352	644	996	202	17	1	34	32	31	0	63	6	19	1107	1107	4171 65	81,000
Lamoille	8	2	1		1	1	2			2	1		1					3	125	263	388	72	4		4	7	12	2	21	4	2	448	525	624 64	19,600
Orange	20	11	5		4	5	6			6	5		1					6	629	1293	1922	344	57	35	97	39	44	8	91	26	25	2038	2081	2736 64	77,650
Orleans	18	15	6		3	6	10			5	4		1					6	533	1005	1538	197	20	13	33	19	44	2	65	13	15	1289	1123	708 19	47,500
Rutland	17	15	6		1	2	3			3	2		1					3	633	1205	1838	333	44	26	66	41	81	4	126	23	14	1617	2062	4335 67	187,500
Washington	18	15	6		3	6	5			5	1		1					2	484	947	1281	160	28	11	43	24	17	1	42	15	6	1403	1279	1651 52	120,300
Windham	23	17	8		2	11	10			12	5		2			1		8	577	1168	1745	382	42	56	97	32	35	0	67	13	12	1945	2185	3959 98	159,000
Windsor	25	4	4		1	5	15			4	1		1			2		19	682	1358	2140	339	59	38	97	53	64	4	121	39	39	2175	2061	7657 31	157,100
	197	95	44	1	26	60	86	60	186	62	32	8	16	4	1	6	1	130	5751	11294	17045	3194	415	274	767	338	495	19	876	246	216	18534	18928	$47627 18	$1,372,850

VERMONT DOMESTIC
MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

ACT OF INCORPORATION.

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

SECTION 1. James W. Hickok, Joshua Leavitt, William H. Lord, Thaddeus Fairbanks, J. G. Stimson, and Charles S. Smith, with their associates, being members of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society, a society heretofore existing, and organized for the purpose of aiding Congregational churches and communities in the State in need of assistance in sustaining the preaching of the gospel, are hereby created a body politic and corporate, by the said name of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society, with all the usual appropriate corporate rights and privileges, and with full power to acquire, hold and convey personal and real property, and to use the same in promoting and securing the aforesaid objects and purposes of their incorporation.

SECTION 2. All the doings of said Society while heretofore existing, all gifts, grants, bequests and donations made to it, and all grants, appropriations and conveyances made by said Society, are hereby confirmed and made valid.

SECTION 3. Any two of the corporators aforesaid may call the first meeting of said corporation by giving notice thereof in some weekly paper published in said State, three weeks before the day of said meeting.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect from its passage.

Passed October 25, 1872.

LEGACIES TO THE V. D. M. SOCIETY.

FORM OF A BEQUEST.

I bequeath to my executors the sum of————dollars, in trust, to pay over the same to the Treasurer of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society, incorporated in October, 1872, to be applied to the charitable uses and purposes of said Society.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

VERMONT DOMESTIC MISSIONARY SOCIETY,

AS REVISED AND ADOPTED JUNE 18, 1873.

NAME.

Article I. This Society shall be known by the name of the VERMONT DOMESTIC MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

MEMBERSHIP.

Art. II. Any person may become a member of this Society by paying two dollars into its treasury, and his membership shall continue so long as he shall annually pay a like sum. Any person may, at his request, become a member for life of the Society, who shall at one time pay twenty dollars or more, into its treasury. Congregational ministers whose churches contribute annually to the treasury of this Society, shall be members, and their membership shall continue so long as such annual contributions are made. All such members shall be entitled to vote.

OBJECT.

Art. III. The object of this Society shall be to supply the destitute towns in the State with the preached gospel, by the labors of missionaries, and to aid the American Home Missionary Society.

OFFICERS.

Art. IV. The officers of this Society, to be elected annually, shall be a President, Vice President, twelve Directors, Secretary, Treasurer and Auditor. The President and Secretary shall be members of the Board of Directors *ex-officiis*. These officers shall all hold their offices for a year and till others are elected.

DUTIES OF PRESIDENT.

Art. V. It shall be the duty of the President, or, in his absence, of the Vice President, to preside at all meetings of the Society, and of the Board of Directors.

DUTIES OF DIRECTORS.

Art. VI. It shall be the duty of the Directors, five of whom shall constitute a quorum, to act upon applications coming from churches, asking for aid; make appropriations of money; fill temporarily any vacancy occasioned by the death or resignation of the Secretary, Treasurer, or Auditor; have a general superintendence of all the Society's affairs, and make, through the Secretary, a report of their doings at each annual meeting.

At their annual meeting the Directors shall appoint *five* of their own number—one of whom shall be the Secretary—as an Executive Committee, which committee shall have full power to act for the Directors on all matters that may come before them, when the Directors are not in session.

DUTIES OF SECRETARY.

Art. VII. The Secretary shall take charge of the books and correspondence of the Society and of the Directors; keep a true record of their doings and call meetings of the Society, Directors and Executive Committee.

He shall secure, as far as possible, collections and donations from churches and individuals; visit destitute communities to ascertain their needs; direct itinerant missionaries to their fields; draw orders upon the Treasurer for all moneys appropriated by the Directors or Executive Committee, and make an annual report to the Society of the doings of the Directors, and the condition of the missionary work.

DUTIES OF TREASURER.

Art. VIII. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive and hold the property of the Society; take care of and invest the permanent funds; lease, or convey by deed, real estate belonging to the Society, when so ordered by the Directors or Executive Committee; and exhibit at the annual meeting an audited account of the condition of the treasury, make a statement of the amount of permanent funds, and how they are invested. He shall hold his books open for inspection when requested by any member of the Society, and shall give bonds when required by the Executive Committee.

DUTIES OF AUDITOR.

Art. IX. The Auditor shall carefully audit the Treasurer's book every year, before the annual meeting of the Society, and report also on the amount of the permanent funds, and the form of their investment.

MEETINGS.

Meetings of Society.

Art. X. There shall be an annual meeting of this Society, for the election of officers and the transaction of any necessary business, on the Wednesday succeeding the 3d Tuesday in June, at 10 o'clock A. M., at the same place where the General Convention of Congregational Ministers and Churches of Vermont holds its annual meeting. Two several notices shall be given by the Secretary, of the time and place of holding this meeting, in some newspaper generally circulated in this State.

Meetings of Directors.

The Directors shall hold an annual meeting on the same day of the annual meeting of the Society, at such time as the Secretary shall give notice to the Directors personally or by public notice at the annual meeting of the Society. They may adjourn or meet at such other time as they see fit, or as they may be called together by the Secretary, notice being given them in writing, one week before the time of meeting.

Meetings of Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee shall hold meetings at such times and places as they may appoint, and whenever the Secretary may call them together; and they shall have power to call meetings of the Society or Directors, in case of the death, resignation, or absence of the Secretary.

CHANGE OF CONSTITUTION.

Art. XI. The object of this Society shall not be changed, but this Constitution may be altered or amended, on a proposal of the Directors, at any annual meeting, by a vote of two thirds of the members present.

RULES ADOPTED BY THE DIRECTORS,

JUNE 17, 1873.

RULE 1. Churches, asking for aid, must first subscribe one hundred and twenty-five per cent on their grand list, unless in very exceptional cases.

RULE 2. No church in debt for past ministerial services shall receive aid.

RULE 3. Appropriations shall not be made for a longer period than twelve months, and shall not, except in special cases, date back of the time of application.

RULE 4. Applications shall be signed by a committee of the church asking for aid. They shall also be endorsed by the Association within whose bounds they arise, or by a committee of such body.

RULE 5. Every application must contain an answer to the following questions, viz:

(1.) Name of minister employed?
(2.) Number of members of the church?
(3.) Usual attendance on public worship?
(4.) Amount of the grand list of the church?
(5.) Amount actually subscribed by the church for preaching?
(6.) Amount subscribed by those not members of the church?
(7.) Is aid expected from any other source?
(8.) Least amount of aid that will suffice from this Society?
(9.) Is the church in debt for past ministerial services? If so, how much? and to whom?
(10.) From what date is aid asked?

RULE 6. On the expiration of an appropriation, if aid is still needed, a new application must be made, containing an explicit answer to *all* of the above questions.

RULE 7. All missionaries, when required, shall furnish satisfactory testimonials of church and ministerial standing.

RULE 8. A statistical report shall be made by each missionary before the first of June, of each year, or when he leaves his field, if it is before the close of the Society's year.

RULE 9. Missionaries shall not be entitled to receive payments from this Society till they have made a written report to the Secretary, of their services for the period for which such payment is due. Those who wish quarterly payments must make quarterly reports.

RULE 10. Missionaries must reside with the people to whom they preach. If they serve two or more churches they must live with one of them.

RULE 11. The Secretary shall engage itinerant laborers, as may be needed, for destitute fields, who shall be guaranteed eight dollars per week, and their fare one way, not to exceed twelve dollars. The people with whom they labor shall, in all cases, provide board, and pay as large a part of the salary as possible.

Churches receiving aid are requested to arrange, as far as practicable, their contracts with their ministers so that their year may commence with the first of June, in order that all applications for the renewal of grants may be made before the annual meeting.

MINUTES

OF THE

FIFTY-SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING.

The fifty-sixth anniversary of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society was held at Northfield, Wednesday, June 17, 1874, in accordance with notice previously given in the *Vermont Chronicle*.

In the absence of the President and Vice President, the meeting was called to order by the Secretary.

On motion, Rev. John G. Hale was chosen President *pro tempore*.

After singing, and prayer by Rev. John F. Smith of Marsovan, the following persons were appointed a committee to nominate officers for the year ensuing, viz: Rev. G. B. Safford, Rev. Henry Fairbanks and Dea. A. Woolson.

The Treasurer, J. C. Emery, Esq., read his report, which was accepted, adopted, and ordered to be printed.

The report of the Directors was read by the Secretary, Rev. C. S. Smith. This report was accepted, adopted, and ordered to be printed.

While the above motion was pending, remarks were made on the the general subject by Rev. Messrs. Bacon, Fuller, J. F. Smith, Searle, Woodward, and Winch.

The committee to nominate officers for the ensuing year made the following report, which was unanimously adopted, and the persons named declared elected:

For President—C. F. THOMPSON.

For Vice President—HON. E. P. WALTON.

For Secretary—REV. C. S. SMITH.

For Directors—REV. W. H. LORD, D. D., THADDEUS FAIRBANKS, ESQ., REV. C. E. FERRIN, REV. W. S. HAZEN, REV. W. S. PALMER, REV. A. W. WILD, REV. N. MIGHILL, REV. J. G. JOHNSON, REV. J. G. HALE, REV. G. B. SAFFORD, REV. C. B. HULBERT, J. S SPAULDING, L. L. D.

Directors ex-officiis—C. F. THOMPSON, ESQ., and REV. C. S. SMITH.

For Treasurer—J. C. EMERY, ESQ.

For Auditor—HON. J. A. PAGE.

After singing the Doxology, the Society adjourned.

C. S. SMITH, *Secretary*.

FIFTY-SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT.

A kind Providence has preserved the lives of all the officers and missionaries of this Society during another year, bringing us to our fifty-sixth anniversary.

THE CHURCH WITH WHOM WE MEET.

It is a matter of special pleasure and congratulation that we keep our feast today the guests of a church that, through years of weakness, was fed from our table and nourished by our bounties, till she became strong enough to provide for herself; and now not only invites her foster mother to sit at her bountiful board today, but for year to year gratefully gives us the means of extending the hand of love and help to other feeble and needy sisters. We heartily congratulate her on the enlargement God has given her, and return thanks for the privilege of having been permitted to render her help and comfort and courage in the days of her adversity.

OTHER FAVORED CHURCHES.

We are reminded also that there are a number of other churches in the State that were once in the same feeble, distressed condition, who, through the help afforded them, are now, like our hostess today, blessed of God with numbers, and the strength and means, not only to supply their own necessities, but to comfort others with the comfort wherewith they were comforted of God in their extremity.

DEPENDENT CHURCHES.

But while we look with a kind of maternal pride upon these our fair daughters who are bountifully provided for, prosperous, and honored, we remember also that today a large number of others, who, though equally worthy, are still poor and dependent, and in need of our sympathy, our prayers, and our liberal bounties. Though God may have given them enlargement, it has not been in the basket and in the store, nor in a large catalogue of resident members. It may have been, however, in the conversion, from time to time, of precious sons and daughters, whom, having been consecrated to God, and trained up for His service, He has called, one after another, to work in other parts of His vineyard. Some have gone to the larger towns and cities, others to the West to lay the foundations of many generations in righteousnes and truth. Some He has put into the ministry who are preaching Christ in our own land, or have entered the foreign missionary field and are conveying the water of life, which they

received in the homes of their childhood, to dwellers on the plains of India, or among the mountains of Nestoria.

While other communities and lands are in this way enriched and made to rejoice, the little churches that have thus been drained and despoiled of their choicest treasures, hold on their way with halting and feeble steps, and look supplicatingly to the Church at large, who are receiving the services of their sons and daughters, to give them in return a crutch or a cane in the form of some material aid, to help them on while they open up other fountains and send out other rills, which, like the river of God, shall water all the earth.

The fact reported in the statistics of our churches read yesterday, that we had dismissed during the year 143 members more than we have received by letter, tells the story of the continued weakness of our churches. It is the result of exhaustion induced by giving of their members for the good of the Church universal. It reveals the noble, self-denying mission God has given our country churches, and their importance in His plan for redeeming the country and the world. It reminds us of the high privilege, as well as the duty, that has been conferred upon us to keep open these fountains of life in all our towns, and see to it that not a single feeble church languishes or is left without the needful aid to do well her appointed work.

THE TREASURY.

Towards the prosecution of this blessed work there has been received into our treasury during the year $14,671.94. The Treasurer's report gives the sources from which this sum came and the manner of its disbursment. The amount received from donations and contributions from the churches is $118.70 less than last year. The amount paid directly to the Parent Society without passing through our treasury is $3,395.13, making, with the sum reported by the Treasurer as having been at his disposal through the year, $19,423.07. If we add to this sum the contributions made during the year to the Sustentation Committee, it will give a larger amount than we have raised in any previous year for home missionary purposes.

STATISTICAL TABLES.

The following tables will be found to contain the principal statistics relating to the several aided churches and fields occupied during the year in the Ordinary and Itinerant departments, with brief notices of each:

THBULAR VIEW OF AIDED CHURCHES.

No.	CHURCHES.	MISSIONARIES.	DATE OF COMMISSION.	Length of Com	Aid pledged.	Months of Labor.	Hopeful Conversions.	Added		Removed			Resid't Memb.	Male Residents.	Non-Residents.	Average Congregation.	No. in Sabbath School.	CONTRIBUTIONS	
								Profession.	Letter.	Dismissed.	Death.	Exclusion.						Home Missions.	Other Objects.
1	Albany	Albert Watson,	July 1, 1873	12	$200	12	3	4	3	1	2	0	43	19	6	95	100	$5 00	$16 25
2	Berkshire East	Elias W. Hatch,	June 1, 1873	12	100	12	0	0	2	1	1	0	46	17	6	70	90	15 00	54 50
3	Berlin West	John F. Stone,	June 1, 1873	12	200	12	1	2	1	0	0	0	22	8	0	40	65	30 00	12 00
4	Bethel	Elbridge Gerry.	June 1, 1873	12	150	12	0	1	2	0	0	0	30	8	10	75	60	15 50	26 00
5	Cambridgeport	Amos Foster,	Sept. 20, 1873	12	200	8	1	0	0	0	0	0	33	13	11	85	75	16 00	5 15
6	Charleston West.	Wm. T. Herrick,	June 1, 1873	12	150	12	3	0	0	5	3	0	51	18	10	115	125	45 00	139 50
7	Colchester	Charles M. Seaton,	Jan. 1, 1874	12	150	12	2	4	0	0	0	0	54	7	12	65	70	20 00	15 00
8	Danby	E. F. Wright.	Oct. 12, 1872	12	200	4	0	4	0	1	0	0	25	7	4	55	40	8 00	.....
9	Gaysville	Charles W. Clark,	Apr. 1, 1874	12	200	12	9	7	0	4	1	0	58	20	20	60	60	25 00	8 00
10	Granby and Victory	Samuel R. Hall,	Aug. 1, 1873	12	175	12	15	12	0	0	3	0	53	20	9	75	70	17 00	35 85
11	Guildhall	John H. Thyng.	Nov. 1, 1872	12	200	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	57	16	2	50	45	.....	.....
12	Hubbardton	Calvin Granger,	Sept. 1, 1872	12	125	3	2	4	0	0	0	0	41	16	15	100	80	0	20 00
13	Higingate	James P. Stone,	Oct. 1, 1873	12	200	12	1	0	0	1	5	0	32	10	14	85	95	20 00	17 00
14	Irasburgh	Azro A. Smith,	Jan. 1, 1874	12	150	12	4	5	3	5	2	0	42	14	15	125	180	25 00	30 00
15	Jamaica.	Charles Burnham,	Apr. 1, 1873	12	200	10	6	0	0	0	0	0	26	9	6	75	60	5 00	10 00
16	Londondery	Eben C. Birge,	Feb. 20, 1874	12	200	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	28	7	5	60	40	.....	7 25
17	Lowell	Fred B. Phelps,	July 1, 1873	12	200	5	3	0	0	0	0	0	38	14	15	80	100	10 50	.....
18	Ludlow	Silas P. Cook,	June 1, 1873	12	200	12	4	5	0	0	4	1	62	17	34	100	126	16 00	132 05
19	Marshfield	Nelson F. Cobleigh,	June 1, 1873	12	200	12	3	0	2	1	1	0	31	12	4	71	80	16 00	25 00

20	Middletown	Osborn Myrick,	Nov. 1,	1873	12	150	12	0	0	0	2	0	0	40	13	7	100	140	12	00	.....	
21	Morrisville	Vitellus M. Hardy,	Jan. 1,	1874	8	.....	5	3	0	0	0	3	0	83	28	10	140	167	.....		33	00
22	Newbury West	Robert D. Miller,	Mar. 1,	1874	12	200	12	4	2	2	0	1	0	40	14	5	90	100	17	50	22	00
23	Plainfield	Charles Redfield,	June 1,	1873	12	200	12	0	0	0	2	0	0	21	7	11	66	55	23	30	4	50
24	Ripton	Cephas H. Kent,	June 1,	1873	12	200	12	1	0	0	1	0	0	36	17	24	40	65	25	00	42	00
25	Roxbury	Alden Ladd,	Oct. 1,	1873	12	300	12	1	4	0	0	2	1	53	22	5	70	50	.....		40	00
26	Royalton South	Amzi B. Lyon,	June 1,	1873	12	200	12	4	4	1	1	0	0	44	10	6	80	60	14	30	38	00
27	Sharon	Alex. C. Childs,	Jan. 1,	1873	12	150	7	1	1	3	2	3	0	72	25	3	70	60	31	35	87	79
28	Stratton	A. B. Emmons,	Nov. 1,	1873	12	200	7	0	0	0	0	2	0	12	3	8	70	50	5	00	3	25
29	Sudbury	Henry F. Rustedt,	Sept. 1,	1873	12	200	12	0	0	0	4	1	0	25	7	5	50	30	15	00	.....	
30	Troy	David Connell,	Dec. 1,	1873	12	100	12	3	0	0	0	0	0	13	3	..	65	34	.....		.....	
31	Tunbridge	S. F. Lougee,	June 1,	1873	12	200	12	3	4	0	2	1	0	27	11	8	80	75	10	84	5	50
32	Waterville	Richard Hicks,	Sept. 1,	1873	12	100	9	0	3	0	0	0	0	6	6	0	100	75	6	00	.....	
33	Weathersfield Bow	Sidney Holman,	June 1,	1873	12	90	12	...	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....		.....	
34	Weston	Robert Samuel,	Mar. 9,	1873	12	200	9	1	0	4	0	0	0	34	12	11	80	84	20	00	37	57
35	Wardsboro South	Royal D. Metcalf,	Mar. 22,	1873	12	200	10	11	4	0	0	0	0	16	5	1	95	80	.....		22	50
36	Wolcott	Horace Herrick,	Apr. 1,	1873	12	150	9	0	0	0	3	1	0	30	11	14	70	40	16	00	.....	
37	Worcester	William Schofield,	June 22,	1873	12	200	12	17	11	2	1	1	0	51	9	9	102	73	13	00	.....	

THE AIDED CHURCHES.

1. ALBANY. The pastor writes: "We have had no special revival interest during the year, but we have had many tokens of good, many soul-refreshing seasons. Spiritually our prospects are bright; financially they are dark and gloomy." A backwardness in collecting and paying over the salary has caused the missionary much anxiety and inconvenience. When will our parishes become models in the promptness, truth, and honesty with which they manage their financial affairs?

2. BERKSHIRE EAST. This church is remarkable for its quiet, steady manner of life; rather slow perhaps in making any new move, but when they do make it, it has been well considered and is steadily prosecuted. Their church needs thoroughly repairing. The subject is being considered, and when the work is done, it will no doubt be well done, and without incurring any debt.

3. BERLIN WEST. This church has gained three during the year. More than usual religious interest was manifest at one time. The missionary says: "During the spring, owing to the state of the roads and other circumstances, our congregations were smaller than usual. For some time my own health was not good. Though I have not been quite unable at any time to meet my appointments, I have been apprehensive that I might not much longer be able to do so, and have been ready to ask 'who will come and care for this little flock when I shall be obliged to leave them?'"

4. BETHEL. Preaching has been sustained through the year, though the minister has not resided in the parish all of the time, for the want of a house to live in. A parsonage is very much needed in this parish. No church can long afford to have their minister live away and come among them only to perform Sabbath services. A new instrument has been placed in the church.

5. CAMBRIDGEPORT. After the dismission of its pastor, this church was without regular preaching for some months, till Rev. A. Foster began his labors among them in September last. The scattered congregation was readily re-gathered. The attendance on public worship is good, and a spirit of harmony prevails. A course of lectures, given by the missionary on Sabbath evenings during the winter to the young, were largely attended and seemed to do great good. No intoxicating drinks are sold in the village, and the prospect is hopeful of moral and spiritual gains by regular religious influences.

6. CHARLESTON WEST. Repairs on the church and parsonage, which were nearly completed last year, were finished at a cost of $600. The church and community have met with a serious loss in the death of Dea. C. Cummings and his wife, both earnest friends of Christ and his cause. The missionary writes: "The pecuniary ability of the church has been weakened by deaths and business failures, though it is hoped not as much as was feared at one time. There was some quickening of the church during the winter, and a few cases of awakened interest among others, with perhaps three cases of hopeful conversions in the Sabbath School."

7. COLCHESTER. The missionary writes: "There has been no special interest in the subject of religion during the year, yet we feel encouraged. Our congregation gradually gains strength. Some faithful ones have removed, and we sadly miss them. The Methodist church united with us in the observance of the Week of Prayer, and we have held union weekly meetings ever since. Our Sabbath School is prospering, and we rejoice in the labors of a devoted and faithful superintendent. Almost every Sabbath shows us some new faces in the congregation."

8. DANBY. This church has, during the year, installed its pastor, and having applied to the Sustentation Committee for aid and been accepted, has received nothing from our treasury since last October.

9. GAYSVILLE. The missionary reports as follows: "During the year now closed, there have been changes both depressing and encouraging. Early in the year there were several removals from the village, as the result of business changes. This circumstance affected unfavorably our numerical and financial strength, and later in the year we were encouraged by signs of some special spiritual prosperity. Union meetings have been held with the Methodists, through the winter and spring, which have been attended with unusual interest, and the Lord has blessed a late special effort in a locality out of the village. Our members have been greatly revived and cheered, and some souls have been converted. Two or more new family altars have been erected. While the financial prospects of our people are not promising, they feel the importance of making special efforts to 'hold fast that which they have.'"

10. VICTORY AND GRANBY. The heart of the missionary has been made glad and his mouth filled with praise, for God hath visited his people and redeemed precious souls. Twelve have been added to the church by profession. Two of them are men of some property; two others are young men without property.

11. GUILDHALL. Rev. J. H. Thyng left at the close of the year, Nov. 1. He writes: "I proposed to myself a year of spiritual prosperity, so far as my faith in God and his grace to assist me were concerned; shaped my preaching so that the church might see what to do, and how to do it. I strongly urged them to secret and family prayer, and not to fail to pray for their minister. None of these things appeared as the result of my preaching." In not seeing his hopes fulfilled the missionary was disappointed and discouraged. The church have had no regular preaching since he left, though they are making efforts to secure a minister. A more earnest coöperation with the minister, on the part of the church, is needful for any hope of success.

12. HUBBARDTON. Rev. Calvin Granger, at the close of his year, left this church. Since then they have had preaching most of the time by a non-resident minister, but are not aided by this Society. If they could dispose of their parsonage, which is a mile and a half from the church, and secure one nearer, it would be easier for them to obtain a minister.

13. HIGHGATE. The missionary again this year speaks of a decrease in the members of the church by deaths and dismissions, with no additions. This state of things certainly ought to awaken an earnest spirit of prayer and labor on the part of those who are left, "to strengthen the things that remain, and are ready to die."

14. IRASBURGH. The missionary reports: "The prospects of this field are better than I have ever seen them before, in many essential respects. There are more reliable helpers in prayer meetings, who seem to thirst for the place of prayer, and enjoy helping forward these meetings. We are to maintain at least our branch Sabbath School this season. Since the Week of Prayer, there has been a marked raising of the tone of spiritual life. Among those who have indulged hope and joined the church there seems a desire and purpose to be fully subject to Christ. We shall try very hard to get along without missionary aid another year."

15. JAMAICA. More than usual interest in religion was manifest in the autumn, and extra means were used. But for some cause the fruits confidently expected were not gathered. The missionary left at the close of his year. No one has yet been secured to take his place.

16. LONDONDERRY. This church, after having been destitute more

than a year, secured the services of Rev. E. C. Birge, who entered upon his work in February, and reports the state of things as hopeful.

17. LOWELL. This church, which has been aided by us for some years, seems likely to lose its pastor for the lack of pecuniary means to meet the expenses of an increasing family, but by the help of the Sustentation Committee their present necessities are met, and since November we have been relieved from any charge on their account. There can be no doubt that somewhere there should be provision made to meet the case of such churches as this. A faithful pastor, who has the affections of his people, should never be obliged to leave for the want of adequate support. If his church can not furnish it, others should do so.

18. LUDLOW. This church seems to be prospering under the faithful labors of the missionary. They ask for $60.00 less than last year, and express the confident hope that they shall soon be able to dispense with all foreign aid. The report says: "We have changed the second service from afternoon to evening. The congregation is as full as before, with a better prospect of increase. The Sabbath School is thereby enlarged. On Thursday evenings, during the spring, the pastor held a prayer meeting for half an hour, then gave a Biblical lecture on the Sermon on the Mount. This exercise about doubled the attendance. It was intended as an experiment, from which the practicability of such an exercise in the fall might be judged, and appears to promise well. The church has been supplied with a new chandelier and bracket lamps near the desk and a clock, at an expense of about $50.00. The pastor has procured a printing press, and intends to use it to place timely tracts, culled from his reading, or of his own composition, in the hands of the people to distribute with wisdom and prayer. A pastor's library has also been established."

19. MARSHFIELD. The institutions of religi on have been well sustained during the year, and with good results. Meetings in one outdistrict have been especially blessed. Financially the church has met with some losses, but has gained in other directions, several individuals increasing their subscriptions.

20. MIDDLETOWN. The missionary writes: "There have been but few changes through the year. While there has been no special religious interest, a harmonious state of feeling seems to prevail among the people. Our prayer meetings have been well attended. The introduction of a new singing book for social worship, has added much interest to our evening prayer meetings."

21. MORRISVILLE. During the year repairs on the church have been completed and it has been re-dedicated. In our last report it was announced that this church has reached the point of self-support. That was their expectation, but finding the burden of clearing off the debt on their house of worship bore upon them so heavily, they during the year applied again for aid, which was granted, and fifty dollars was sent them. Since then they have, by great exertion and by self-denials on the part of both pastor and people, generously renounced the grant made in their favor and refunded the money sent them. It is with pleasure that we record such instances of determination to receive no help when it is possible to do without it.

22. NEWBURY. By dint of earnest effort, the union meeting house has been repaired at an expense of about $1000 and been made comfortable and attractive. A cabinet organ which cost $300 has been purchased, and the salary of the missionary has been raised the easier for the new interest these outlays have developed. The missionary has a flock widely scattered and two places for holding service.

23. PLAINFIELD. After nearly two years of destitution, this church secured the services of Rev. C. Redfield. The house of God was again opened, the Sabbath School started, and gatherings for prayer held. The good seed is being sown, and if the church are faithful in prayer and spiritual culture they will not labor in vain in the Lord.

24. RIPTON. The missionary writes: "The removal from town of three families near the close of the last missionary year, crippled us much as to numbers and pecuniary ability. With these families went *all* the female singers in our choir. This has been a serious drawback to the general attractiveness of our public worship, and our meetings have been more thinly attended than in former years. A mission school, at a school-house four miles from church, is opened with good promise. Our present condition as a church perhaps may be stated not inaptly to be, "Faint yet pursuing!"

25. ROXBURY. This really feeble church financially has been blessed for some years with the permanent and faithful ministrations of the gospel. The pastor writes: "We are united and perhaps as diligent in the use of the means of grace as could be expected. Our prayer meetings are well sustained and have been quite interesting. A pleasant feature of the past year has been the coming of three young men into the church, one of whom we hope will go into the ministry."

26. SOUTH ROYALTON. The fore part of the year this church was regularly supplied, but did not secure an acting pastor till January, when they obtained Rev. A. B. Lyon. He writes: "I have been laboring here since the first of January. I find the church small, but very well united in feeling and zealous in action in sustaining the ordinances. Several of them are young and earnest men. The prospects of the church for considerable, though not large, growth are good. This church is an agent of great good in a community where such influences are imperatively needed. It would be greatly missed if it should fail to live."

27. SHARON. The missionary closed his labors the last of December. The church has since secured another minister, and having received a legacy from the estate of Chester Baxter, deceased, they are able to sustain preaching without aid from this society.

28. STRATTON. This little church has a minister for the entire year, for the first time for many years. As the town lies on the side of the mountain the people are scattered. There are but three resident male members. The ladies have shown themselves very efficient and persevering in their efforts to supply themselves with gospel privileges. The "Ladies' Braiding Circle" have raised about $30 for repairs on the church, besides being responsible for one sixth of the missionary's salary.

29. SUDBURY. "The members of this church," says the missionary, "are few in numbers and poor in this world's goods, but it would be sad to abandon them, especially as there is no other preaching within five miles of the place, except it may be occasionally at some remote school-house. Deaths and removals during the year have been unusually many, causing the loss of several friends who helped us in the Sabbath School and prayer meeting."

30. TROY. This church is not as strong as it was ten years ago. It is, however, the only one in the village, and is needed. The community accommodated by it is numerous enough to furnish a large congregation. But in the past they have not seemed generally to care much for religious institutions. We have encouraged the church to hold on in the hope that, in due time, the seed sown would result in a rich spiritual harvest.

31. TUNBRIDGE. The missionary has been ordained as pastor during the year. The parsonage has been repaired at an expense of $150. A good degree of religious interest has prevailed, and some have given their hearts to Christ.

32. WATERVILLE. This little church has been supplied for some years past during the summer, with itinerant laborers, but the present year an arrangement has been made whereby they have preaching every other Sabbath, by Rev. R. Hicks, of Bakersfield. He reports good congregations and an addition of three to the church. The house of worship is a union house.

33. WEATHERSFIELD BOW. This church has received the income of the Jarvis' fund. They have been broken somewhat by division. The missionary has left on account of ill health. There are in this town three feeble Congregational churches in different localities. It should be the aim of at least two of these to unite in hiring the same minister. They might in that way secure one sermon every Sabbath, and together raise such a salary as would provide them with a very acceptable man.

34. WESTON. A pastor has been installed during the year, and the church has been accepted by the Sustentation Committee.

35. WARDSBORO SOUTH. Considerable religious interest was manifest during a part of the year, and eleven hopeful conversions were reported. Mr. R. D. Metcalf closed his labors in March, at the end of his year, and the church is now supplied by Rev. T. Baldwin.

36. WOLCOTT. After a service of fourteen years in the interest of this church, Rev. H. Herrick closed his labors in April. His influence has been felt not only in the church, but in the town and county, promoting the interests of education, temperance and good morals. He has never had over $500 salary, and some of the time scarcely $400. He has encountered not a few discouragements, but has labored on with a hopeful spirit. The church is at present unsupplied.

37. WORCESTER. The hopes and courage of this church have been revived during the year. Having obtained the services of an earnest young brother, they have ordained him as their pastor, and have experienced great spiritual refreshing. If their zeal and courage and self-denial hold out, better days are in store for them.

TABULAR VIEW OF ITINERANT FIELDS.

FIELDS AND MISSIONARIES.	BEGUN.	Weeks of Labor.	Weekly Salary.	Traveling Expenses.	Amounts Paid. By the People.	Amounts Paid. By the Society.	Amounts Paid. Total.	Average Congregation.	Number in Sabbath School.
1. BRAINTREE								55	50
A. H. Burr	July 8, 1873	10	$8.00	$6.00	$24.00	$62.00	$86.00	....	....
S. J. Bryant	May 15, 1874	3	8.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	....
2. BRIDGEWATER								78	25
George E. Hall	May 25, 1873	13	8.00	10.30	92.50	29.80	122.30	....	....
R. G. Bugbee	May 25, 1874	1	8.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	....
3. BURKE EAST								125	65
F. J. Marsh	May 25, 1873	12	8.00	10 00	14.00	.....	114.00	....	....
4. CAMBRIDGE								....	....
L. S. Gates	May 23, 1874	2	8.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	....
5. DOVER								....	....
O. C. Dickerson								....	....
6. DOVER WEST								....	....
O. C. Dickerson								....	....
7. FERRISBURGH								68	45
H. M. Ladd	May 25, 1873	12	8.00	12.00	52 00	64.00	116.00	....	....
8. GUILFORD EAST								....	....
O. C. Dickerson								....	....
9. HOLLAND								....	....
A. M. Archibald	May 22, 1874	2	8.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	....
10. MONTGOMERY CEN.								68	50
W. P. Clancy	May 13, 1873	16	8.00	12.00	65.00	75.00	140.00	....	....
R. R. Kendall	May 30, 1874	1	8.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	....
11. ORANGE								90	75
L. S. Gates	June 1, 1873	16	8.00	8.60	121.20	15.40	136.60	....	....
R. D. Metcalf	March 28, 1874	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	....
12. POMFRET								85	60
James Oakey	May 15, 1873	15	8.00	9.05	50.00	87.00	137.00	....	....
13. RUTLAND WEST								....	....
G. A. Pehrsson	June 1, 1873	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	....
14. STRATTON								80	55
A. B. Emmons	June 1, 1873	14	8.00	11.00	15.00	108.00	123.00	....	....
15. TYSON FURNACE								50	0
M. Moore	June 13, 1873	14	7.00	.....	30.00	70.00	100.00	....	....
16. ST. ALBANS								....	....
Antoine Geoffroy	April 1, 1874	9	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	....

ITINERANT FIELDS.

1. BRAINTREE. This church has suffered a serious loss during the year in the death of Rev. Ammi Nichols, and of his granddaughter, Miriam. Though Father Nichols was unable to preach, the savor of his presence and his prayers were like a sweet fragrance from heaven in the community. The cheerful faith, the hopefulness and Christian fidelity of Miss Miriam Nichols were so much needed in this little church that her death is to them a great loss. They were favored with an earnest Christian student last summer, and are supplied during the present season.

2. BRIDGEWATER. This church has been supplied as usual with the labor of students through the summer. They have at present preaching to them a young men from the parish who is studying for the ministry, and is not without honor even among his own townsmen. The people contribute more freely and liberally than they did to sustain preaching. They have expressed the purpose to meet the whole cost themselves this year.

3. BURKE EAST. This church was supplied last summer with the labors of a student. As they were anxious to secure a more permanent supply, they thought it not best to have a student this season. They have thus far failed to secure a minister. If the pastor of the church in Lyndonville could give them a sermon every Sabbath afternoon it would seem to be as good an arrangement as could be made.

4. CAMBRIDGE. The pastor of this church was dismissed last winter. As the church is in an enfeebled and divided state, a student was sent them, in hope that by the continuance of public worship their spiritual condition might improve, and they be prepared to secure soon a more permanent supply.

5. DOVER. Rev. O. C. Dickerson, the county missionary, resides here and has devoted considerable labor to this field. Universalism and spiritism number a good many adherents in the community. Mr. Dickerson held a public discussion with an advocate of those views last spring, which he thinks resulted in giving to some clearer views of the teachings of the Bible.

6. WEST DOVER. This church has now settled a pastor, but during the time it was destitute the county missionary supplied them as he was able.

7. FERRISBURGH. This church has been destitute too much, and like churches located near a college, where they can from time to time hear elaborate sermons by men of considerable culture, they have become somewhat fastidious in their taste. Hence it becomes more difficult for them to accept such preaching as their means enable them to procure. In the absence of a pastor they were supplied last summer with a student, but were destitute during the winter. With a new and attractive house of worship great exertions should be made by this church to secure a resident pastor.

8. GUILFORD EAST. The county missionary has continued to visit this place from time to time through the year. Meetings have been held and a Sabbath School has been organized.

9. HOLLAND. After some two or three years of destitution, this church is supplied at present by a student. Quite a large congregation is gathered, and the people seem encouraged.

10. MONTGOMERY CENTER. This church has been regularly supplied for some years past during the summer by itinerant laborers In this way the church, which is quite feeble, is encouraged to keep up meetings when there is no preaching.

11. ORANGE. This community failed of securing the labors of Mr. Christie for the year, after he left the seminary. They were favored with the faithful services of Mr. L. S. Gates last summer. In March last they engaged Mr. R. D. Metcalf to preach to them for a year. He is now in the field.

12. POMFRET. A permanent pastor is needed by this church, and there seems to be no good reason why, with sufficient determination and self-denial, they should not have the continued means of grace. The community is intelligent, thrifty and moral. But unless greater effort is made to sustain gospel institutions, this state of things will change. Error, isms and ungodliness will increase. We are glad to know they are now seeking for a permanent supply.

13. RUTLAND WEST. Rev. G. A. Pehrsson has continued to visit and minister to the congregation of Sweeds and Norwegians living here. They number about ninety. One hundred dollars are appropriated to this mission.

14. STRATTON. The student who labored here two years ago returned after he had graduated in the spring of 1873, preached as an itinerant through the summer, and the people in the fall raised his salary for a year. See Ordinary Department.

15. TYSON FURNACE. Rev. M. Moore spent fourteen weeks here last summer. There are people and means enough in this part of Plymouth to sustain preaching all of the time, if the obligations and privileges of public worship were properly prized.

16. ST. ALBANS—*French Mission.* Rev. Antoine Geoffroy, who was employed by the Vermont Bible Society for two years as a Bible Reader, having entered into missionary work among his countrymen, at the solicitation of many of the people of St. Albans, and, in accordance with a recommendation of the Franklin and Grand Isle County Conference, the Missionary Society is now aiding in his support. Four hundred dollars are appropriated for this purpose, with the understanding that individuals and churches in Franklin County will make up the rest of his salary. Mr. Geoffroy seems a humble, earnest and self-denying servant of the Master, and to be much respected by his countrymen.

SUMMARY.

LABOR AND RESULTS.

Fifty-six laborers have been employed the past year,—thirty-seven in the ordinary and nineteen in the itinerant department, performing thirty-four years of service. These have been distributed by counties, as follows, viz: In Franklin, four; Chittenden, one; Addison, two; Rutland, five; Windham, eight; Windsor, ten; Orange, four; Washington five; Lamoille, four; Caledonia, one; Essex, two; Orleans, six.

Twenty-six missionaries have retained their places through the year. Six have left and five have entered into their labors. Several of the feebler churches are now without ministers, and some have been so through most of the year, because they have been unable to find acceptable men for the inducements they could offer. Among these are Guildhall, East Burke, Pomfret, Hydepark, Alburgh and Strafford. Four of the churches aided have installed their ministers, viz., Worcester, Tunbridge, Danby and Weston. The last two were doubtless encouraged to take that step in the hope of greater aid from the Sustentation Committee, which they are now receiving.

The amount of good accomplished during the year is not a matter

that we can positively determine. It is known only to Him who walketh in the midst of the golden candlesticks, and holdeth the seven stars in His right hand, who taketh account of the charity, the faith, the patience, and the works of His servants, and who judgeth everything by a divine standard. To His merciful judgment would we humbly submit our work with all its endeavors and imperfections. The tangible outward results lead us to believe that the spiritual progress made, though not as great as we have been permitted some years to record, is still *real*, and enough to assure us of the loving care and oversight of a covenant-keeping God. One hundred fifteen conversions are reported in twenty-eight fields, and one hundred three additions—seventy-eight by profession and twenty-five by letter.

The total losses have been sixty-nine: thirty-six by letter, thirty-two by death, and one by exclusion, leaving a net gain, for the year, of thirty-four members.

Two of the feebler churches, one ministered to by one of the fathers, the other by a young brother who has just entered upon his work, have been blessed with the special presence of the spirit, viz: Granby and Worcester. There have been from fifteen to twenty conversions in each of these places. Seven churches report no additions or conversions. Four of these, however, have had preaching but a part of the year. Eight churches report a less number by thirty-two than a year ago. The dismissions from these churches have been twelve more than the additions by letter, showing that they are still imparting of their strength to nourish other churches.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

The contributions of the missionary churches for benevolent objects have been larger than the previous year, amounting to $1381.93, of which $492.27 was paid into our treasury.

IN THE ITINERANT DEPARTMENT

Fewer laborers have been employed this year than usual. Several causes have operated to produce this result.

In a few cases the fields that we have been accustomed to occupy have been temporarily closed against us. In two instances churches which have been for many years dependent on students' labors for all their preaching, have been successful in securing each a laborer through the year, viz., Stratton and Waterville. Orange, where there is no church, but where in the absence of all other evangelical preaching we have bestowed some labor, has a licentiate employed for a year. Others of the itinerant field are anxiously looking for more

permanent laborers, This we regard as ground of encouragement and a mark of growth.

Students are now laboring in Holland, Bridgewater, Braintree, Cambridge and Montgomery.

COUNTY MISSIONARY.

Rev. O. C. Dickerson has continued to labor as county missionary in Windham County through another year. He has made himself familiar with all parts of the county, and given his presence wherever it was needed. To indicate something of his energy and the *quantity* of the labor he has performed, take the following figures from his report: Sermons preached, 143; addresses, 95; prayer meetings attended, 67; family visits made, 716; miles traveled, 2,416.

This work has been carried on for the most part under the direction of the churches in the county, and the expenses are almost entirely met by them, in addition to their regular contributions to the home missionary work. Never have the feeble churches and waste places of that county been so well cared for as during the past three years. Windsor County especially needs a similar active worker to visit and care for the spiritual welfare of Andover, Sherburne, Pittsfield, Plymouth, Bridgewater and Pomfret.

FRENCH MISSION.

A Canadian French Protestant has been laboring for more than two years past among his Catholic countrymen in Franklin County, and mostly in St. Albans and Swanton. He has, till the present year, been sustained as a Bible Reader by the Vermont Bible Society. The Directors of that Society, finding that Mr. Geoffroy's work had gradually taken the form of a local missionary, decided that it did not legitimately belong to them, and therefore withdrew their support from him. In their last annual report, however, they spoke very highly of the work which has been done, and of their conviction that by some means it ought to be continued. Mr. Geoffroy has labored on since the first of April without any assured means of support, though encouraged by some friends to hope that provisions would be made to help him continue his work. Letters were received from St. Albans and Swanton inquiring if the Domestic Missionary Society would not assume his support. It was replied that if the Congregational churches where he was laboring would manifest their confidence in him and interest in his work by assuming a part of his salary, say one-half, and would apply to the Missionary Society to supply the remainder, that their request would undoubtedly meet with a favorable response. These churches have not felt disposed to do that. But individual members have signified a willingness to

ntribute toward his support. Mr. Geoffroy has lately been ordained y a council called by the First Congregational Church in St. Albans nd the Franklin and Grand Isle County Conference, at their late eeting, passed some resolutions endorsing his work, requesting this ociety "to aid in his support to the extent customary in such cases," nd requesting also "the pastors and churches represented to use all ue diligence, and make all needful sacrifices to assist."

No action has been taken on this request. This kind of work God as clearly given to his churches in this State to do. If we contribte our money to sustain the work of the American Board among atholics in nominally Christian lands, we surely ought not to negect the same kind of work at our own doors.

But this work lies, for the most part, within the local limits of our arishes, partly even within our families. It must be done, not so nuch by forming separate churches, as by making our existing hurches radiating points of Christian influence that shall reach this lass of people, draw them under evangelical instruction, and into our abbath Schools and churches. It seems important therefore, in order hat the work may be a permanent one, and the fruits be carefully watched and garnered, that the individual churches within whose bounds it needs to be done, should take the lead in it, prosecute it as a permanent form of labor, devote thought, time, prayer, influence and property to it according to their ability, then if they need aid to help sustain a laborer devoted to this special work, to ask from the Missionary Society such definite aid as they may need.

The churches are the proper ones to oversee and direct in it, and be personally helpers to the missionary. He needs continually their sympathy and encouragement.

We have in years past tried to do this work alone, independent of the coöperation and moral support of our local churches, and have failed. The missionary felt almost as much alone and without sympathy as though he were in the interior of Spain. If we enter upon this work again it seems desirable that we should profit by past experience, and combine, if possible, all the influences and elements necessary to success and permanency.

PASTORAL SUSTENTATION.

At the last meeting of the General Convention a new enterprise was started, intimately related to our home missionary work, called "Pastoral Sustentation." The objects of this are, first, to secure to ministers in our feeble—though not the feeblest—churches a larger salary than the Missionary Society has been accustomed to make up, viz., $900, on the compliance, on the part of the churches, with certain conditions. Secondly, by making the salary not less than $900 it is

hoped to secure a better class of ministers than can generally be obtained for a smaller sum. Thirdly, by securing what in our country towns may be regarded as a living salary, it looks to the *settlement of pastors*, and therefore to greater permanency and usefulness in the ministerial relation. There are certainly ends desirable to be attained, and we heartily second any efforts that shall help to secure them.

So far as the operation of this new agency during the year has affected our Society and work, we may say that it has not perceptibly diminished our collections from the churches. Three churches that were aided by us at the beginning of the year are now drawing their supplies from the Sustentation Committee, and not from our treasury. In this way it has diminished our expenses by about $280. It is possible also that one or two other churches, which have been accepted by the Sustentation Committee, would have applied to us for aid had not this new source of help appeared.

DOMESTIC MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

This Society has in the past, for the most part, limited its appropriations to individual churches to $200 a year. This has not been done so much by any fixed rule as by a general conviction that it was not best to exceed that sum in making grants. In only a single case have we gone above it, and that in favor of a settled pastor, and where there was no other evangelical church in the town. Where, too, the pastor was trying to support a growing family on $500, and from his sympathy for the little church to which he ministered, he had declined to leave them, though tempted by offers of considerably larger salaries elsewhere. Where, moreover, it seemed evident that if he should leave, it would be impossible to fill his place by a man of equal ability, for any salary that the church and society could offer.

We have also declined to assist churches for the most part, where the salary paid exceeded $800. We have felt that we must carefully husband the gifts of the churches; make them go as far as possible, and persuade the aided churches to get along with the smallest practicable amount. That this policy is in the main sound, we have no doubt, and should not be radically changed.

It may be, however, questioned whether in adhering so rigidly to what we meant to be a prudent economy, we have not, in some cases, withheld more than was meet, which has tended to poverty; whether, in the exercise of a wise discretion, we could not, in special cases, by giving a larger amount of aid, have secured the settlement of pastors and the renewed life and growth of a church; whereas by

the smallness of our grants we have hardly saved it from actual death. Is it not, in the long run, the truest economy to encourage a community to engage a man who has sufficient moral and intellectual force to command their thorough respect, who is every way fitted to work the field, and keep him in it at considerable cost, as a settled pastor, rather than help them, by smaller appropriations, to a succession of feebler men, who lack the talent or energy or consecration to get hold of the people? It is believed that some of the feeblest churches continue in their present condition mainly because they and the communities around them do not come under the influence of an earnest, effective and permanent ministry. They have the reputation of being small and feeble, and the conclusion is hastily drawn that they are therefore of little importance; whereas they may be the center of a large number of families somewhat scattered, but capable of furnishing a good-sized congregation. From their retired position and the smallness of the salary they have been accustomed to pay, they do not attract the attention of ministers of ability and draw them to them. From some cases that have come under our observation, we have been led to believe that an able, self-denying and efficient minister would reap a richer harvest in cultivating for several years one of these humble and unattractive districts than he could expect as the pastor of one of the larger churches.

They contain fresh materials, ready to be fashioned by the hand of the skillful builder into the temple of God. As a matter of fact, the proportionate number of conversions, as our State statistics from year to year show, in our missionary churches exceeds those in the larger churches. It is not a vain thing to preach the gospel to the poor now any more than of old. Christ is with those who follow Him in this way. And it abundantly rewards the labors of men of talent and energy to consecrate themselves to this work. We need in the ministry at the present time more of that spirit which will lead the servant in going forth to preach, to look not so much for a pleasant, refined, cultivated parish, as to inquire "Where is there the most need of the gospel? Where the neglected fields? Where the needy and the destitute, that require the services of one who has received an anointing to preach the gospel to the poor?"

It becomes us as a Society, as individual disciples, efficiently to sustain those who thus follow in the steps of the Master. That all our feeble churches and destitute districts can at once be thus manned with able and consecrated men is not to be expected, because of the real scarcity of such workmen. But, so far as possible, should we not aim to secure such men, place them in the pastoral office, and when found, appropriate whatever amount is needed to keep them in the field? In this respect is not the Pastoral Sustentation Plan a

wise one, and one that should be ultimately engrafted upon our Society's work? When we take into account how the small churches are feeders of the large ones, and enrich the West with spiritual life; how that many men of influence, laymen, ministers and missionaries, came forth from them, how that God has especially put us in charge of nursing and tilling these little vineyards, ought we not to aspire to do our work thoroughly by making them as the garden of the Lord? Does not the act of the churches last year, in so heartily endorsing the Sustentation Plan, show that they are ready to sustain us in making larger appropriations, even to the feeblest church, where the promise of increased good warrants such an outlay?

For the Directors.

C. S. SMITH, *Secretary.*

RECEIPTS

OF THE

VERMONT DOMESTIC MISSIONARY SOCIETY,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 15, 1874.

	For Ordinary Department	For Itinerant Department	From Itinerant Fields.
ADDISON COUNTY.			
BRISTOL—Rev. S. Morgan, Sept. 12, $2 00; April 12, $2 00	$4 00	$	$
BRIDPORT—Church and Society, March 20	90 00		
CORNWALL—Church and Society, Dec. 4, $87 50; Feb. 6, Mrs. H. J. Mead, $2 10; May 30, Ladies' Cent Society, $24 69	89 60	24 69	
FERRISBURGH—July 4, $6 00; Sept. 9, $52 00	6 00		52 00
MIDDLEBURY—Oct. 16, Ladies' Missionary Society, $88 65, to constitute Mrs. Joseph Steele and Mrs. Carrie Webber, Life Members of the A. H. M. S.; March 19, Church and Society, $54 55	54 55	88 65	
NEW HAVEN—Church and Society, Dec. 5, $89 12; Dec. 11, $1 70; Jan. 15, $2 00	92 82		
ORWELL—Church and Society, Dec. 30	47 00		
RIPTON—Church and Society, Dec. 11	25 00		
SHOREHAM—Church and Society, March 9	28 00		
BENNINGTON COUNTY.			
ARLINGTON EAST—Church and Society, Nov. 3	20 75		
BENNINGTON—First Church and Society, Nov. 4	22 78		
BENNINGTON NORTH—Church and Society, Dec. 11	23 70		
DORSET—Church and Society, Nov. 7	20 70		
MANCHESTER—Church and Society, Oct. 29	35 15		
RUPERT—Church and Society, Jan. 14	14 50		
CALEDONIA COUNTY.			
BARNET—Church and Society, Oct. 1	20 15		
BURKE EAST—Church and Society, Aug. 23			114 07
DANVILLE—Church and Society, April 14	22 15		
HARDWICK—Church and Society, April 20	31 65		
LYNDON—Church and Society, June 26	5 70		
ST. JOHNSBURY CENTER—Church and Society, Oct. 30	10 00		
ST. JOHNSBURY EAST—Church and Society, June 12	20 00		
ST. JOHNSBURY NORTH—Church and Society, Oct. 21, $39 60; Feb. 23, $89 89	129 49		
ST. JOHNSBURY NORTH—Hon. Horace Fairbanks, May 12		250 00	
ST. JOHNSBURY SOUTH—Church and Society, June 19, $2 00; Nov. 17, $88 65; Feb. 4, $82 50; April 15, $94 00; June 15, $98 00	365 15		
ST. JOHNSBURY SOUTH—Thaddeus Fairbanks, Esq., May 12,		300 00	
ST. JOHNSBURY—E. & T. Fairbanks & Co., May 12		1000 00	
WATERFORD—Church and Society, June 21	27 13		

	For Ordinary Department	For Itinerant Department	From Itinerant Fields.
CHITTENDEN COUNTY.	$	$	$
BURLINGTON—First Church and Society, July 15	146 13		
BURLINGTON—Third Church and Society, Dec. 18	85 04		
CHARLOTTE—Church and Society, Dec. 26	32 00		
COLCHESTER—Church and Society, July 8, $2 00; June 3, $20 00	22 00		
ESSEX CENTER—Church and Society, Sept. 22	17 90		
JERICHO CENTER—Church and Society, $20 00; A Friend, $10 00; Cent Society, $6 00	30 00	6 00	
UNDERHILL—Church and Society, Dec. 24	11 50		
WESTFORD—Church and Society, June 24, $27 13; Jan. 26, $12	39 13		
WILLISTON—Church and Society, July 6	24 24		
ESSEX COUNTY.			
LUNENBURGH—Church and Society, July 21, $2; April 14, $5	7 00		
FRANKLIN COUNTY.			
BAKERSFIELD—Church and Society, April 15	2 75		
BERKSHIRE EAST—Church and Society, Dec. 25	10 00		
ENOSBURGH—Church and Society, Feb. 22	14 40		
HIGHGATE—Church and Society, June 9	20 00		
MONTGOMERY—Church and Society, July 23, $6; Aug. 22, $65	6 00		65 00
SHELDON—Church and Society, Feb. 28	8 12		
ST. ALBANS—First Church and Society, July 23, three individuals $9 00; Dec. 29, $542 50; July 12, $24 00	575 50		
SWANTON—Church and Society, June 19, $25 30; April 28, $24 00; Cent Society, Sept. 14, $20 00	49 30	20 00	
FRANKLIN AND GRAND ISLE CONFERENCE—June 29		7 76	
GRAND ISLE COUNTY.			
ALBURGH—Church and Society, Nov. 3	11 45		
LAMOILLE COUNTY.			
JOHNSON—Church and Society, March 23	13 00		
STOWE—Church and Society, May 21, $18 87; Cent Soc., $10 41	18 87	10 41	
WATERVILLE—Church and Society, June 3	6 00		
WOLCOTT—Church and Society, Oct. 23	16 00		
ORANGE COUNTY.			
BRADFORD—Church and Society, Oct. 21, $37 18, to constitute Rev. L. H. Elliot a Life Member of the A. H. M. S: June 9, Cent Society, $28 25	37 18	28 25	
BRAINTREE—Church and Society, Sept. 12			24 00
BROOKFIELD—First Church and Society, Nov. 17	12 00		
BROOKFIELD—Second Church and Society, May 21	17 09		
CHELSEA—Church and Society, Oct. 25	24 00		
CORINTH—Church and Society, Sept. 22, $8 00; Oct. 14, $12 00	20 00		
FAIRLEE WEST—Church and Society, Sept. 21	21 00		
NEWBURY—Church and Society, monthly collection, Aug. 13, $16 75; Sept. 12, $93 00, of which $20 00 is from Mrs. Freeman Keyes to constitute herself a Life Member; of which also $20 00 from Mrs. Henry Keyes to constitute herself a Life Member; Feb. 5, M. C., $7 00 to constitute Mrs. George Borroughs a Life Member	100 00		
NEWBURY WEST—Church and Society, March 6	17 50		
ORANGE—People, September			121 20
RANDOLPH—Church and Society, Sept. 16	6 20		
STRAFFORD—Church and Society, Feb. 23	8 00		
THETFORD—Church and Society, Oct. 21, $50 00, to constitute Miss Kate Moore a Life Member of the A. H. M. S	50 00		
TUNBRIDGE—Church and Society, March 5	10 84		
WELLS RIVER—Church and Society, Dec. 30	40 00		
WILLIAMSTOWN—Dec. 29, Rev. T. M. May, $5 00; Church and Society, April 14, $9 00	14 00		

	For Ordinary Department	For Itinerant Department	From Itinerant Fields.
ORLEANS COUNTY.			
ALBANY—Church and Society, Oct. 14	$5 10	$	$
BARTON—June 6, Cent Society		16 54	
CHARLESTON WEST—Church and Society, June 3, $36 65; Cent Society, $8 35	36 65	8 35	
COVENTRY—Church and Society, June 9	16 50		
CRAFTSBURY—Church and Society, June 20, $3; May 7, $22	25 00		
IRASBURGH—Church and Society, Aug 22	25 00		
LOWELL—Church and Society, July 3, $4 50; May 7, $6 00	10 50		
NEWPORT—Church and Society, June 6	7 00		
ORLEANS CO. CONFERENCE—June 20, $10; Oct. 24, $7 12		17 12	
RUTLAND COUNTY.			
BRANDON—Church and Society, Feb. 20, to constitute Mrs. Dr. D. W. Prime a Life Member	52 12		
CLARENDON—Nov. 22, Dea. F. Button, $70, to constitute Mrs. Charles E. Hill a Life Member; Mrs. N. J. Smith, $5	75 00		
DANBY—Church and Society, June 20	8 00		
MIDDLETOWN—Church and Society, Aug. 21	12 00		
PAWLET—Church and Society, Jan. 14	10 00		
PITTSFORD—Church and Society, Jan. 2	125 00		
RUTLAND—Church and Society, Aug. 5, $51 62; Dec. 12, $44 33 Feb. 28, $33 45	129 40		
SUDBURY—Church and Society, June 4	15 00		
WALLINGFORD—Church and Society, Oct. 15, $85 88, of which $30 from A. W. to constitute Mrs. Phebe A. Ballou a Life Member of the A. H. M. S.; Cent Society, $19 22; Oct. 31, $3 65	85 88	22 87	
WASHINGTON COUNTY.			
BARRE—Church and Society, Nov. 17	25 00		
BERLIN—Church and Society, Aug. 20	4 33		
BERLIN WEST—Church and Society, June 2	30 00		
CABOT—Church and Society, May 13, $43 70; $1 25	44 95		
MARSHFIELD—Church and Society. April 14	16 00		
MONTPELIER—Church and Society, June 13	114 00		
NORTHFIELD—Church and Society, Oct. 12, $9 30; Feb. 24, $11 08; Sept 9, $12 85; Ladies' Circle, $10	33 23	10 00	
PLAINFIELD—Church and Society, June 5, $13 30; Rev. C. Redfield, $10 00	23 30		
WAITSFIELD—Church and Society, June 19	1 00		
WATERBURY—Church and Society, July 19	2 50		
WORCESTER—Church and Society, June 1	13 00		
WINDHAM COUNTY.			
BRATTLEBORO CENTER—Church and Society, July 28, $200 97; Sept. 6, $1 00; Nov., $3 50	205 47		
BRATTLEBORO WEST—Sabbath School, Aug. 28, $23 85; Church and Society, Feb. 4, $57 13; June 13, $21 50	102 48		
CAMBRIDGEPORT—Church and Society, June 8, $6 00; Rev. A. Foster, $10 00	16 00		
DUMMERSTON—Church and Society, December 6, $10 00; May 22, $22 23; Cent Society $17 76	32 23	17 76	
JAMAICA—Church and Society, April 2	5 00		
SAXTONS RIVER—Aug. 28, E. H. Pettingill, $5 00; June 15, $3 00	8 00		15 00
STRATTON—Church and Society, Sept. 5, $15 00; June 1, $5 00	5 00		
TOWNSHEND WEST—Church and Society, Sept. 6	10 50		
WESTMINSTER—Church and Society, June 10	31 60		
WESTMINSTER WEST—Church and Society, Aug. 28	31 60		
WINDHAM—Church and Society, Aug. 28	24 25		
WINDHAM COUNTY FOR COUNTY MISSIONARY.			
BRATTLEBORO CENTER—Church and Society		264 00	
DUMMERSTON—Church and Society		25 00	
FAYETTEVILLE—Church and Society		15 00	
PUTNEY—Church and Society		13 42	
SAXTONS RIVER—Church and Society		20 00	
WINDHAM—Church and Society		20 00	
WESTMINSTER WEST—Church and Society		30 00	
OTHER CHURCHES		85 10	

WINDSOR COUNTY.	For Ordinary Department.	For Itinerant Department.	From Itinerant Fields.
BETHEL—Church and Society, June 1	$15 50	$	$
BRIDGEWATER—Church and Society, Sept 4			92 50
CHESTER—Church and Society, July 10, $12 55; May 12, $20 00	32 55		
HARTFORD—June 19, Cent Society, $20 00; May 23, $25 00		45 00	
HARTFORD WEST—Church and Society, April 8	17 70		
LUDLOW—Church and Society, Dec. 12	16 00		
NORWICH—Church and Society, monthly collection, June 23, $13 14; Oct. 20, $32 60; Dec. 15, $14 04; Feb. 5, $13 00; May 5, $17 46; Cent Society, $27 53	80 24	27 53	
PLYMOUTH—Oct. 30			33 00
POMFRET—Church and Society, Aug. 28			50 00
ROCHESTER—Church and Society, Apr. 30	20 00		
ROYALTON SOUTH—Church and Society, June 6	14 30		
SHARON—Church and Society, June 18	31 35		
STOCKBRIDGE—Church and Society, May 27	25 00		
SPRINGFIELD—Church and Society, July 7, to constitute Miss Alice G. Barnard, Mr. S. W. Butterfield, Mr. O. Rice, 2d, Mrs. Julia A. Page, Mrs. Charlotte Proctor, Mr. H. Sinck, Mr. George W. Hayward, Miss Kate A. Labaree, Mr. Leonard B. Piper, Life Members of A. H. M. S.	291 10		
WESTON—Church and Society April 6	20 00		
WINDSOR—Church and Society, July 12, to constitute Mr. Elam Aldin and Mrs. Harriet G. Aldin Life Members	66 91		
WOODSTOCK—Church and Society, July 15, $48 77; Aug. 6, $14 13; Oct. 21, $12 00; Jan'y. 19, $16 16; Feb. 28, $10 27; May 5, $12 44; May 21, $26 96 to constitute Henry S. Dana and J. S. Montague Life Members; Fred. Billings, Esq., $50 00; Mar. 24, Cent Society, $25 46	190 73	25 46	
WINDSOR COUNTY CONFERENCE—June 5.		6 00	
OTHER RECEIPTS.			
June 18. Collection at Annual Meeting	135 76		
July 3). Montpelier, Estate of Mrs. S. C. French	104 42		
July 31. Montpelier, Estate of Mrs. S. C. French	26 70		
July 28. Dividend on C. &. P. R. R. R. Bonds	45 00		
Juty 28. Coupons—State of Maine Bonds	45 00		
July 28. Coupons—State of New Hampshire Bonds	15 00		
July 28. Coupons of 5-20 U. S. Bonds	24 36		
July 31. Pas. and C. R. R. R. Stock	132 00		
Aug. 9. Interest on Hopkin's notes	150 00		
Oct. 25. On W. Richmond's note	498 00		
Dec. 27. On H. S. Towers' note	100 00		
Jan. 2. T. A. Murry's note	628 50		
Jan. 23. Coupons on State of Maine Bonds	45 00		
Jan. 23. Coupons on State of New Hampshire Bonds	15 00		
Jan. 23. Conn. & P. R. R. R.	45 00		
Jan. 23. Coupons 5-20 U. S. Bonds	23 10		
Feb. 16. Dividend on Conn. & P. R. R. R. Stock	66 00		
Feb. 20. Montpelier, S. C. French's Estate	84 25		
Feb. 9. T. A. Murry's note	119 49		
Apr. 1, T. A. Murry's note	264 69		
Apr. 1. Brookfield, Estate of Simeon Colton	300 00		
Apr. 7. Sharon, Estate of Chester Baxter	1000 00		
Apr. 20. Montpelier Manufacturing Co.—dividend	65 07		
Apr. 20. St. Johnsbnry, Estate of Hon. E. Fairbanks		500 00	

☞The moneys paid to the Secretary, at the Annual Meeting at Northfield, came too late to be embraced in the above receipts, as the account for the year closed on the 15th of June. They will appear in the next annual report.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

J. C. EMERY, *Treasurer*,

In account with the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society:

1873.	DEBIT.	
June 16.	Balance on hand as per Auditor's certificate	$3,355 70
	To cash from Legacies	1,515 37
	To cash from Notes and Interest	2,367 21
	To contributions to Ordinary Department	5,360 73
	To contributions to Itinerant Department	2,930 24
	To contributions from Fields	498 70
		$16,027 94

CREDIT.		
By paid Secretary's orders, Ordinary Department	$5,633 96	
By paid Secretary's orders, Itinerant Department	1,783 57	
By paid for printing and distributing Annual Reports	167 87	
By paid for Mortgages	1,036 75	
By paid expenses to Brookfield	17 00	
By paid salary of Secretary	1,200 00	
By paid expenses, postage and stationery	237 41	
By deposited in Montpelier Savings Bank	2,500 00	
Balance in Treasury	3,451 38	
		$16,027 94

MONTPELIER, June 15, 1874.

I have this day examined the above account of J. C. EMERY, Treasurer of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society, and compared the same with the vouchers for charges made, and find the same correct, the balance now in the Treasury being three thousand four hundred fifty-one dollars and thirty-eight cents.

J. A. PAGE, *Auditor.*

INVESTED FUNDS.

MONTPELIER, June 15, 1874.

I have this day examined the assets of the permanent funds of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society, in the hands of J. C. EMERY, Treasurer, and find them to be as follows:

Promissory notes, secured by Mortgage	$4,724 69
Decree of foreclosure vs. W. M. Alvord, Jr.	892 98
Stock in Montpelier Manufacturing Co	600 00
Stock in C. & P. R. R. R. Co	2,200 00
Bonds of C. & P. R. R. R. Co	1,500 00
Bonds of State of Maine	1,500 00
Bonds of State of New Hampshire	500 00
Bonds of U. S. 5-20s, '67	700 00
Deposit in Montpelier Savings Bank	2,500 00
	$15,117 67

Amounting to fifteen thousand one hundred seventeen dollars and sixty-seven cents.

J. A. PAGE, *Auditor.*

MONEYS SENT TO THE PARENT SOCIETY.

Receipts as acknowledged in the American Home Missionary Society, during the year ending June 1, 1874, which have not passed through our Treasury.

June.	BENSON—Era Strong	$2 00
	ST. ALBANS—Ladies, First Church, (freight)	5 00
	ST. JOHNSBURY—South Church	72 20
	WEST ADDISON—K. S. Merrill	3 00
	WEST CHARLESTON—Sabbath School	8 51
July.	BRATTLEBORO—Mrs. B. H. Van Dorn	20 00
	MIDDLEBURY—Miss J. G. Birchard	10 00
	WELLS RIVER—Church and Society	23 50
August.	BURLINGTON—R. W. Francis	50 00
	GEORGIA—Legacy of Mrs. S. G. Bliss	150 00
	LOWER WATERFORD	27 15
	PEACHAM—Legacy of Rev. L. S. Watts	200 00
	SUTHERLAND FALLS—L. Chatterton	124 00
	VERGENNES—Legacy of Ann E. F. Smith	750 00
September.	GEORGIA—Legacy of Mrs. S. G. Bliss	93 78
	JOHNSON—Church and Society	11 10
	ST. JOHNSBURY—Third Church and Society	50 00
October.	PEACHAM—Mrs. D. S. Chamberlain	30 00
November.	BRATTLEBORO—A Friend	100 00
	BRATTLEBORO—Legacy of Mrs. A. N. Smith	100 00
	CORNWALL—Mrs. Mary W. Mead	2 00
	FAIR HAVEN—Levi Reed, $2; F. Shepard, $2	4 00
	GEORGIA—Legacy of Mrs. S. G. Bliss	205 00
December.	BENSON—Church and Society	25 70
	BRATTLEBORO—Mrs. H. M. Linsley	30 00
	BRATTLEBORO—C. F. Thompson, to constitute himself a Life Director	50 00
	CHESTER—J. N. Moore	15 00
	GEORGIA—Ladies' Missionary Society, (freight)	3 00
	NEWBURY—Mrs. F. Keyes, $30; Mrs. Henry Keyes $60,	90 00
	NORTH FAIRFIELD—Mrs. E. Webster	3 00
	PEACHAM—Mrs. E. C. Chamberlain	40 00
	WEST TOWNSHEND—A Friend	5 00
January.	ADDISON COUNTY—A Home Missionary	8 00
	BROOKFIELD—First Church	5 53
	COLCHESTER—C. Farrand	2 00
	FRANKLIN—Church	10 00
	GEORGIA—L. M. Gilbert	1 00
	RIPTON—Miss A. W. Kent	2 00
	ST. ALBANS—Ladies, First Church, (freight)	6 00
	SPRINGFIELD—Church and Society	50 00
	SWANTON—Harry and Harriet M. Stone	5 00
	VERMONT—"A Servant"	5 00

January.	WILLIAMSTOWN—E. A. E	$1 00
	WOODSTOCK—Ladies, (freight)	6 00
February.	BARRE—Church, (freight)	10 00
	BRATTLEBORO CENTER—Sabbath School	20 00
	CHESTER—From Cent Society	30 00
	DUMMERSTON—L. C. Chase	20 00
	MIDDLEBURY—Miss J. G. Birchard, $10; Bertha $5	15 00
	PEACHAM—A Friend	250 00
	ST. JOHNSBURY—A Friend	6 00
	SPRINGFIELD—Church and Society $5; A Friend, $10	15 00
February.	SWANTON—Ladies, (freight)	10 50
	THETFORD—Ladies	11 50
	WELLS RIVER—Church and Society	47 00
	WEST CHARLESTON—W. F. and L. C. H	10 00
March.	BENNINGTON—E. K	5 00
	BERLIN—Betsey Hobart	5 00
	BRATTLEBORO—J. S. Brown, $10; a lady, $10; a friend, $2 50	22 50
	BURLINGTON—Mrs. R. W. Francis	100 00
	FAIR HAVEN—Sabbath School	3 00
	GEORGIA—Mrs. M. Jackson, 50c; Miss R. Blatchly, 50c	1 00
	HARTFORD—H	20 00
	LUNENBURGH—Mrs. J. Glines	1 00
	NEW HAVEN—Ladies, (freight)	5 00
	ST. ALBANS—Ladies, (freight)	5 00
	ST. JOHNSBURY EAST	10 00
	SPRINGFIELD—A Friend	5 00
	THETFORD—By H. P. Chasson	30 00
	VERMONT—A Friend	30 00
	WEST RUTLAND	117 58
April.	BROOKFIELD	22 05
	NORTH CRAFTSBURY—Ladies, (freight)	1 00
	SPRINGFIELD—A Friend	5 00
	WEST RUTLAND	4 20
May.	BERLIN—Legacy of Truman Perrin	100 00
	JOHNSON—Rebecca A. Hill	10 00
	GEORGIA—Legacy of Mrs. S. G. Bliss	16 57
	WESTMINSTER—Jacob Chapin	20 00
	WESTMINSTER WEST—Daniel Goddard	10 00
		$3,395 15

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large extent. No man pays *all* the expense of his education, so that it is only a question of more or less.

The Church should educate its own ministry.

But this Society states the obligation very modestly and cautiously. It only proposes to the churches that they *assist* indigent young men in their preparation for the gospel ministry.

When one without means has given himself to this work and will enter upon it as soon as he is prepared, and is struggling along and helping himself as best he can, then it proposes to share the burden and facilitate his entrance upon his life work. Shall not this modest request be heeded by the churches? Shall not they do a *part* when they might justly be called upon to do the *whole*? If the United States Government is at the expense of educating her army officers, and expects a larger share of them to resign when fairly out of West Point, shall not the churches of Christ defray in part the expenses of some of the ministry in their preparation, when, as Prof. Phelps has recently shown, so small a share of beneficiaries turn out waste material? Do not *they* continue faithful at their posts in the Lord's army, not resigning until death? It might be well if all young men seeking the ministry were so talented and so imperatively called of God to preach the gospel, were so borne on by the tide of holy enthusiasm, that nothing could turn them aside, and individuals of the church would urge the money upon them to defray their expenses.

We might wish that all candidates for the ministry had so much push and piety as to do all the work of this Society for themselves; but even then it would be the same work, only in another form. But such is not the case, and we must take things as they are. There are many in the ministry today, faithful and successful men, who would never have been in it at all but for this Society.

There are some whom God calls to himself so late in life that if they are to enter the ministry at all and have anything like a fair period of ministerial labor, they must begin a course of study at once and have the means of continuing it uninterruptedly until the close.

There are some good and eminently successful men in the ministry today whose only call thereto was the fact that the Lord would not let them do anything else. There are some men who are so modest and distrustful of self as to be at an utter loss to decide the question of duty, when this Society has cast its legitimate influence into the scale and saved them for the ministry and made them, through Christ, able ministers of the New Testament.

Let there be as many as possible to push into the ministry from the irresistible, imperative call of duty, and with an enthusiasm that

overcomes all obstacles and with a promise of success which commands all needed means for their education—there are, nevertheless, exceptions. There is an indispensable work, beyond this small class, for this Society to do, in judiciously encouraging young men to enter the ministry, and in assisting them, if need be, in their preparation for it.

But this Society meets with some obstacles. The ministry are its friends, so that even the criticism which it receives from some of them is considered friendly. It receives an occasional ill-considered opposition from those who confound the help which gives courage to a poor student with the wealth which dispirits a rich man's son.

It meets with the same opposition that all other good objects of benevolence encounter from the worldliness of the Church. The same spirit which prompts parents to consecrate their sons to the acquisition of wealth or worldly honor instead of to Christ and his Church, and which leads the sons also to walk straight by the blessed toil of the ministry to the places of emolument in the land; this same spirit withholds the Lord's money from those who are willing to do the Lord's work, and who should have every facility for a speedy and unembarrassed entrance upon it. So, we need first of all and continuously to pray for the baptism of the Holy Ghost upon the churches, that when men consecrate themselves to Christ, they shall also consecrate their sons and their treasures.

But the Vermont Education Society needs especially the care of the churches and of *all* the ministry, from the fact that it has no officers who can give an undivided attention to its interests.

It has no Secretary who can present the cause before the churches, no Directors who can do more than to write a few letters, or occasionally, as they meet them, put other ministers in remembrance of its claims. If, therefore, this Society is to be kept alive and efficient, it can only be as the ministry resolve itself into a committee of the whole to keep themselves and the churches continually interested in its beneficent work.

Some of our best supporters among the ministry, those who contribute from their own funds and most faithfully present the object to their churches for their contributions every year, are of that number who have not needed the assistance of this Society. Shall not we, then, who are beneficiaries, and who feel the debt of gratitude and honor, pay back a good interest from our own pockets, if we are able —but if not this, both principal and interest before we die, in the contributions of the churches to which we minister? If any church prefers to have beneficiaries of its own, and thus has a greater satisfaction in watching the good fruits of its beneficence, let it have

them, provided that when they have passed from under its care it shall not deem itself absolved from obligation to this Society. If benevolent individuals take delight in seeking out young men and helping them along to the ministry, let them do so, provided that they will also honor the Society which must do the bulk of this sort of work. If there are any new departures to be taken in the methods of our work, let us not be afraid of them, while we make no departures from our old positions of the necessity of an educated ministry and the obligation of the churches to sustain its servants.

For the Directors.

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TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Treasurer's Report shows receipts from the churches, for the year ending June 16th, 1874, as follows:

Church in	North Craftsbury	$10 00
"	" West Randolph	11 00
"	" Greensboro	10 00
"	" Chester	17 35
"	" Burlington (First Church)	16 98
"	" Northfield	10 04
"	" Randolph	7 50
"	" Bradford	23 75
"	" Bakersfield	2 50
"	" Newbury	11 00
"	" Bennington (First Church)	11 00
"	" Brattleboro (Center Church)	96 75
"	" Manchester	13 82
"	" Dorset	16 00
"	" West Brattleboro	4 30
"	" Brookfield (First Church)	8 00
"	" "Gratitude"	100 00
"	" Orwell	11 25
"	" St. Albans (First Church)	116 00
"	" Johnson	9 24
"	" East Hardwick	13 50
"	" West Westminster	10 00
"	" Woodstock	144 25
"	" Coventry	12 40
"	" Danville	25 00
"	" Irasburgh	8 00
"	" A Friend	5 00
"	" Chelsea	20 00
		$743 93

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Peacham, Legacy of Rev. L. S. Watts	$75 00	
Johnson, First Church and Society	12 00	
Berlin, Church and Society	5 00	
St. Johnsbury, (North Church)	84 58	
Pittsford, Church and Society	20 00	
Bellows Falls	5 32	
Middlebury	16 84	
West Charleston, Rev. W. T. Herrick	15 00	
New Haven, Church and Society	30 50	
West Rutland, Church and Society	11 75	
		$275 99
Whole amount		$1019 58

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Hall, Samuel R	Granby	A. P	E.	Os.
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FIFTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Vermont Domestic Missionary Society,

AND

FIFTY-FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

VERMONT EDUCATION SOCIETY.

MONTPELIER:
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ACT OF INCORPORATION.

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

SEC. 1. Jonathan Clement, H. F. Leavitt, Aldace Walker, Harvey D. Kitchel, M. H. Buckham, William H. Lord, Charles S. Smith, Alfred Stevens, Joseph Chandler, Joseph Torrey, Julius Converse, Franklin Fairbanks, John A. Page, L. L. Dutcher, James W. Hickok, and their associates, who shall be the members of the General Convention of Congregational Ministers and Churches of Vermont, and which members shall continue such associates for one year from the time of the adjournment of the Convention of which they are members, and till others become members in their stead, are hereby constituted a corporation and body politic by the name of the General Convention of Congregational Ministers and Churches of Vermont; and by that name may sue and be sued; may have a common seal; and shall have all the rights, powers, and privileges of a corporation, for the purpose of receiving, taking care of and managing all funds, property and money which have heretofore, or may hereafter, come to the care, control, management, custody, or ownership of said Convention, or any trustee, officer, or person for said Convention, by whatever form or mode said funds, property, or money may have been, or may hereafter be conveyed, given, transferred, bequeathed or devised to such Convention, or to the denomination of Christians called and known by the name of Congregationalists, or any branch thereof.

SEC. 2. The first meeting of said corporation shall be called by two or more of the persons named in the first section of this act, and which meeting shall be at the time and place of the next General Convention of Congregational ministers and churches of Vermont, a notice of which meeting shall be published at least three successive weeks in the *Vermont Chronicle*, published at Windsor, [now Montpelier,] Vermont.

SEC. 3. At said meeting and all other annual meetings of said corporation shall be chosen a president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and five trustees, who shall hold their respective offices one year, and till others are chosen or appointed.

SEC. 4. The president, vice-president, and secretary shall respectively perform the offices usually performed by such officers,

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and such as may be imposed upon them by the by-laws. The secretary also shall call all meetings under the direction of the trustees, and also when at least three members shall, in writing, request a special meeting to be called. All meetings of the corporation shall be called and notified by publishing the same in one or more newspapers in the State, one of which shall be the *Vermont Chronicle*, unless otherwise ordered by the by-laws of the corporation, or by the trustees. The treasurer, except where otherwise ordered by the corporation, shall receive all moneys, funds, property and assets of every description belonging to, entrusted, or in any way committed to the care or custody of the corporation, and be responsible for the same, and shall disburse, pay over and deliver, as shall from time to time be ordered by the trustees or a majority of them; he shall at least once a year make a full and true statement and report of the financial condition of the corporation, therein designating the kind or class of funds, and for what purpose donated, bequeathed or held; he shall also exhibit all books, vouchers and papers to said trustees whenever requested by them, and shall furnish statements and copies whenever requested by them upon reasonable notice; he shall, if requested by the trustees, give bonds with sufficient sureties to the acceptance of the trustees, for the faithful discharge of his duties as treasurer. Whenever a vacancy shall happen in the office of treasurer, such vacancy shall be supplied by appointment of the trustees till the next annual meeting of the corporation, or till appointed by vote of the corporation. The trustees shall have the general oversight of the interests and prudential affairs of the corporation; shall see that all funds, moneys, and other property are faithfully preserved, taken care of, and administered as shall be most for the interest of the corporation, and in accordance with the wishes of testators and donors; they shall perform all acts and discharge all duties not assigned to any other officer by these articles of association, or by the by-laws made in pursuance thereof. If any vacancy shall occur in the board of trustees, such vacancy shall be supplied by appointment by the surviving trustees till an election by the corporation.

SEC. 5. At any annual meeting of the corporation, by-laws may be established or altered, not inconsistent with this charter or the laws of this State.

SEC. 6. This act shall be under the control of any future legislature, and shall take effect from its passage.

Approved, November 21, 1872.

Adopted by the Convention, June 18, 1873.

CONSTITUTION.

OBJECT.

ART. 1. The object of the Convention is to promote the harmony, fellowship and efficiency of the churches, and their co-operation in Christian work.

DOCTRINAL STANDARD.

ART. 2. The Convention receives as articles of faith the doctrines of Christianity as they are for substance stated in the Declaration of Faith of the Roston Council of 1865; these doctrines are understood by us to be those which from the beginning have been received by the Congregational Churches of New England.

COMPOSITION OF THE CONVENTION.

ART. 3. Every association of ministers in the State receiving these doctrines is entitled to two delegates in the Convention; each Association having eight ordained resident ministers, three delegates; and for every four additional members, an additional delegate. Every County Conference of Churches receiving the same faith is entitled to three delegates, one of whom may be a minister. The minister of the parish where the meeting is held, appointees of the previous meeting who perform the duties assigned them, members of boards appointed by the Convention, and officers of benevolent societies whose annual meetings are held in connection with the meetings of the Convention, shall be members.

OFFICERS.

ART. 4. The officers of the Convention as prescribed by the act of incorporation are a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and five Trustees, to be chosen annually, and to hold their respective offices from the final adjournment of the meeting at which they are chosen to the close of the next annual meeting. There shall also be appointed at each annual meeting, two or more boards of five each, to have the care of funds or any valuable interests entrusted to the Convention for the ensuing year, a Scribe, Assistant Scribe, and an Auditor of the accounts of the Treasurer of the Convention and of the several boards having the

management of funds, to serve at and during the meeting at which they are appointed; and once in five years, commencing with 1875, there shall also be appointed a Corresponding Secretary for the Convention, and Reporters of Statistics, and Receivers of Assessments for the several Conferences of Churches.

DUTIES OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

ART. 5. It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary, at the proper time, to furnish the Reporters with a copy of the schedule prepared for collecting statistics under the direction of the Convention; to arrange the statistical parts of the reports when returned, for publication; and, from the facts reported, to present to the Convention during its session a condensed account of the state and progress of religion in the churches during the year.

DUTIES OF REPORTERS.

ART. 6. It shall be the duty of the Reporters, each for his own Conference, to make report for the year ending the first Sabbath of May, agreeably to the blank schedule furnished them. These reports shall be forwarded to the Corresponding Secretary at least two weeks previous to the meeting of the Convention. In case of the absence of any Reporter, the duty of reporting shall devolve on the Register of the Conference.

TIME OF MEETING.

ART. 7. The Convention shall meet annually on the third Tuesday of June, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

AMENDMENTS.

ART. 8. These articles shall not be altered except at an annual meeting and by vote of two thirds of the members present.

Adopted June 17, 1874.

RULES OF BUSINESS AND ORDER.

1. To facilitate the preparing of the roll members of the Convention are required to hand their certificates of membership to the Secretary, or to the Minister of the parish as soon as practicable after reaching the place of meeting. No person shall be enrolled without credentials, unless by vote of the Convention.

2. The annual meeting of the Convention shall be opened with a sermon. At the close of the sermon the President, or in his absence the Vice President, shall take the chair, lead in prayer, call for the reading of the roll, and for the election of a Scribe and Assistant Scribe, when the docket of business prepared by the Secretary shall be read. In the absence of both President and Vice President, the Secretary shall call the meeting to order, and after reading the roll shall call for the election of a President *pro tempore*, who shall be chosen by ballot, and shall preside till the President or Vice President shall arrive, or till close of the session.

3. The stated public exercises after the organization shall be as follows :

Tuesday Afternoon.—Report of the Corresponding Secretary on the state of religion ; and reports of delegates from bodies with which we are in correspondence.

Tuesday Evening.—Discussion—introduced by the brethren appointed. Those opening the discussion are limited to twenty minutes each, and those following to ten minutes.

Wednesday Morning.—Anniversary of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society.

Wednesday Afternoon.—Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, to be followed by an essay.

Wednesday Evening.—Anniversary of the Vermont Education Society, and addresses by representatives of such of our co-operative benevolent societies as the Convention by special vote may admit.

Thursday Morning.—Business meeting of the Convention and Sabbath School Anniversary.

4. The Committees to be appointed at each meeting are as follows : A Business Committee, through which all business not provided for in the Docket shall be brought before the Convention. A Nominating Committee, to nominate the officers provided for in

the Act of Incorporation and in the Constitution, and the delegates to corresponding bodies. A Finance Committee, to make assessments upon the Conferences. A Committee on Devotional Exercises, of which the Minister of the parish shall be the chairman. A Committee of Arrangements for the next annual meeting, whose duty it shall be to recommend the place for such meeting, nominate the preacher and substitute, select topics for the discussion and essay, and nominate persons to open the discussion and prepare the essay, with substitutes for each. These and all other committees, unless the Convention shall otherwise order, are to be nominated by the presiding officer in connection with the Secretary.

5. The meetings of the Convention each morning shall be opened with prayer, when the Scribe shall call the roll of members and read the minutes of the preceding day.

6. The President shall preserve order and decorum in the body, and when he takes part in any discussion shall leave the chair and address the Secretary.

7. No person shall speak more than twice upon any question, except by unanimous consent and after every other member who desires shall have spoken ; and then the mover in the matter pending shall be permitted to speak in reply.

8. Every motion, except for adjournment, shall be reduced to writing if the President or any two members desire it. No motion shall be acted on till seconded.

9. If any member in debating or otherwise shall transgress the rules of order or of propriety, the President shall by his own authority, or at the request of any member, call him to order ; and if a question shall arise concerning his being in order, it shall be decided without debate by an appeal to the body.

10. Where two or more persons rise to speak at once, the President shall name the one who is first to speak.

11. No motion committed to writing shall be finally decided upon until it shall have had three several readings, if any member calls for it.

12. When a question is under debate no motion shall be received but to adjourn, to lay on the table, for the previous question, to postpone to a stated time, to commit, to amend, or to postpone indefinitely, which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are here arranged. On a motion for adjournment, for laying on the table, for indefinite postponement, or for the previous question, there shall be no debate.

13. If the report of a committee contains only matters of fact for information, or of argument for the consideration of the Convention, the question is, *Shall the report be accepted?* And that question, unless superceded by a motion to reject, to recommit, to postpone or to lay on the table, shall be taken *without debate.* Such report, if accepted, is placed upon the files of the Convention, but not entered on the Minutes.

14. If a report is in, or terminates with the form of a vote, resolution, or declaration expressing the judgment or testimony of the Convention, the question shall then be taken on the *adoption* of the report. If adopted, the vote, resolution or declaration is entered on the Minutes.

15. On the report of a Treasurer of a Board of Trustees or Directors, or of a Committee or other agent empowered to act for the Convention, the question is, *Shall the report be accepted and approved?* which question may be divided if a division is called for.

16. Members who may find it necessary to leave before the close of the meeting are expected to give notice of the fact to the President.

17. If it becomes necessary to change the place of the annual meeting, it shall be the duty of the Secretary, in consultation with the President and Vice President, to select a place.

These By-laws and Rules shall not be subject to alteration except by the consent of two thirds of the members present at an annual meeting.

Approved, June 17 and 18, 1874.

Pastoral Sustentation Board—Rev. J. G. JOHNSON, Rev. HENRY FAIRBANKS, Rev. C. S. SMITH, Rev. H. T. FULLER, C. F. THOMPSON, Esq.

REPORTERS AND RECEIVERS.

Addison Conference—Rev. E. P. Hooker; *Bennington Conference*—Rev. R. S. Cushman, D. D.; *Caledonia Conference*—Rev. C. W. Thompson; *Chittenden Conference*—Rev. C. C. Torrey; *Essex Conference*—Rev. C. Duren; *Franklin and Grand Isle Conference*—Rev. A. B. Swift; *Lamoille Conference*—Rev. V. M. Hardy; *Orange Conference*—Rev. S. L. Bates; *Orleans Conference*—Rev. E. P. Wild; *Rutland Conference*—Rev. R. T. Hall; *Windham Conference*—Rev. C. H. Merrill; *Windsor Conference*—Rev. C. W. Clark; *Washington Conference*—Rev. W. S. Hazen.

DELEGATES TO OTHER BODIES.

To Vt. M. E. Conference—Rev. E. T. Fairbanks. Substitute, Rev. J. P. Humphrey.

To Vermont Baptist Convention—Rev. C. Van Norden. Substitute, Rev. O. G. Wheeler.

To the F. W. Baptist Yearly Meeting—Rev. Wm. T. Herrick. Substitute, Rev. A. A. Smith.

NEXT ANNUAL MEETING.

Place—At Newport or Barton, June 20, 1876.

Preacher—Rev. N. Mighill. Substitute, Rev. J. G. Hale.

Discussion—The relation of the churches of the State to our educational institutions. Primaries, President M. H. Buckham and Prof. E. D. Brainard. Substitutes, Prof. J. E. Goodrich and Prof. E. H. Higley.

Essay—The utilizing of the lay element in the churches. Primary, Rev. P. B. Fisk. Substitute, Rev. J. L. Litch.

MINUTES.

THE GENERAL CONVENTION OF CONGREGATIONAL MINISTERS AND CHURCHES OF VERMONT met with the Second Congregational Church of Bennington, June 15, 1875.

The opening sermon was preached by Rev. E. P. HOOKER from Mark XII : 37.

The following delegates presented their credentials, and were enrolled as members :

Addison Association—Rev. L. C. PARTRIDGE, Rev. W. W. WINCHESTER.

Bennington Association—Rev. ISAAC JENNINGS, Rev. R. S. CUSHMAN, D. D., Rev. JAMES ANDERSON.

Caledonia Association—Rev. J. L. LITCH, Rev. J. S. WHITMAN, Rev. N. R. NICHOLS.

Lamoille Association———— ————

Montpelier Association—Rev. WM. SCHOFIELD, Rev. JONATHAN COPELAND.

North Western Association—Rev. A. B. SWIFT.

Orange Association———— ————

Orleans Association—Rev. W. P. HERRICK.

Royalton Association—Rev. S. W. DIKE, Rev. S. F. LOUGEE, Rev. A. B. LYON.

Rutland Association—Rev. CALVIN GRANGER, Rev. S. B. SHERRILL.

White River Association—Rev. WILLIAM SEWALL, Rev. BEZALEEL SMITH.

Windham Association—Rev. CHARLES BURNHAM, Rev. L. G. CHASE, Rev. C. H. MERRILL.

Windsor Associaton—Rev. JOHN G. HALE.

Winooski Association—Rev. AUSTIN HAZEN.

Addison Conference—Rev. S. KNOWLTON.

Bennington Conference—Rev. P. S. PRATT, Dea. S. G. CONE, Bro. N. D. HALL.

Caledonia Conference———— ————

Chittenden Conference———— ————

Franklin & Grand Isle Conferences—Rev. J. P. STONE, Dea. W A. COMINGS.

Lamoille Conference———— ————

Orange Conference—Rev. HENRY CUMMINGS.

Orleans Conference———— ————

Rutland Conference—Rev. J. F. AIKEN, Dea. HENRY F. FIELD.

Washington Conference—Rev. W. S. HAZEN, J. S. SPALDING, LL. D.

Windham Conference—Rev. P. F. BARNARD, Dea. JOSEPH WILDER, Bro. I. K. BATCHELDER.

Windsor Conference—Rev. ALLEN HAZEN, Bro. M. H. GODDARD.

MEMBERS EX-OFFICIIS.

President—Rev. HENRY FAIRBANKS.

Secretary—Rev. J. CHANDLER.

Treasurer—Dea. J. C. EMERY.

Preacher—Rev. E. P. HOOKER.

Minister of the Parish—Rev. C. B. HULBERT.

Secretary of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society—Rev. C. S. SMITH.

OFFICERS OF THE VERMONT EDUCATION SOCIETY.

Secretary—Rev. C. W. THOMPSON.

Director—Rev. A. STEVENS, D. D.

Sunday School Secretary—Rev. P. B. FISK.

Fairbanks Board for Relief of Ministers—THADDEUS FAIRBANKS, Esq., J. G. STIMSON, Esq.

Fairbanks Education Board—Rev. A. WALKER, D. D.

Sustentation Committee—Rev. J. G. JOHNSON, Dea. C. F. THOMPSON.

Appointees of Last Meeting—Rev. S. P. COOK, Rev. R. T. HALL.

Delegate to National Council—Rev. R. T. SEARLE.

Delegate from the Methodist Episcopal Church—Rev. J. W. REMIS.

Delegate from the Vermont Baptist Convention—Rev. F. HENRY.

The President, Rev. Henry Fairbanks, called the Convention to order and offered prayer.

The Secretary read the roll of delegates who had presented credentials.

The Convention then elected Rev. C. H. Merrill, *Scribe*, and Rev. W. W. Winchester, *Assistant Scribe*. Mr. H. G. Root was appointed *Auditor of Accounts*.

The President nominated the following committees, which were duly elected, viz:

Business Committee—Rev. A. Walker, D. D., Rev. A. Stevens, D. D., Dea. H. F. Field.

Devotional Exercises—Rev. C. B. Hulbert, Rev. C. W. Thompson, Rev. S. P. Cook.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Samuel W. Dike, and Convention adjourned until 2 o'clock, P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Opened with prayers by Rev. P. B. Fisk, and Rev. J. G. Hale.

The President nominated the following committees, which were elected, viz:

Committee to arrange for next Meeting—Rev. R. T. Searle, Rev. E. P. Hooker, Bro. H. M. Goddard, Rev. R. S. Cushman, Rev. W. Sewall.

Committee of Nomination—Rev. J. G. Hale, Dea. S. G. Cone, Rev. J. L. Litch.

Committee on Finance—Dea. C. F. Thompson, Rev. P. B. Fisk, Rev. Austin Hazen.

Moved by Rev. P. B. Fisk that the auditor appointed in the morning be the auditor of all accounts coming before the Convention.

Dr. Aldace Walker, D. D. reported for the Committee on the VERMONT CHRONICLE as follows:—

"The committee appointed to make arrangements for the continued publication of the VERMONT CHRONICLE, in the interest of our churches, would respectfully report: We have given no little thought to the important business committed to us. Our aim at first was to find a man, trustworthy as an editor, who would be willing to publish the paper, separate from any other journal, with the pledge of the hearty co-operation of our ministers and churches; and for a time there seemed some prospect that such a man might be found; but those with whom we were in correspondence declined one after another to engage in the enterprise. The committee did not think that the Convention would wish to assume a pecuniary responsibility in the matter, such as would be

involved in agreeing with some one to publish the paper, and hiring an editor to take charge of it. Nor did such a course seem to them best.

"After full consultation with Messrs. J. & J. M. Poland, that firm agreed to take the editing and publishing of the paper into their own hands, under Articles of Agreement, which seemed to the committee satisfactory. For nearly six months now, the plan has been in operation, and all interested have before them from week to week the result of the arrangement. In our judgment, all that is now needed to secure for ourselves a paper that shall perpetually remain an organ that shall do good service in the State, is that our ministry and cultivated laymen make it systematically and generally the medium of communicating to the public their best thoughts, and that both the ministry and the members of our churches be united in giving to it a liberal and hearty patronage.

"The committee would acknowledge the kind and ready action of the executors of Mr. McIndoe in carrying out the provisions of his will, by transferring to this Convention, at the designated time, 'the subscription list and good will of the VERMONT CHRONICLE,' for the purpose for which it was given, which purpose is to be had in remembrance by us; viz:—'to be continued and published as an organ for the Congregational churches of Vermont, or of Vermont and New Hampshire; but always to be printed in the state of Vermont."

This report was accepted and referred to a special committee, consisting of Rev. A. Stevens, D. D., Rev. J. G. Johnson and Rev. S. W. Dike.

The report of the state of Religion, prepared by Rev. H. T. Fuller, was read by Rev. J. L. Litch, and after singing "All hail, &c." and prayer by Rev. C. W. Thompson, the report was accepted and ordered to be printed in the Minutes.

Voted, that Rev. I. Jennings be requested to prepare a notice of the late E. W. Hooker, D. D. for insertion in the Minutes.

Rev. R. T. Searle, delegate to National Council at New Haven, made report.

Rev. J. G. Hale, delegate to the Vermont Methodist Episcopal Conference, reported.

A letter was read from Rev. L. H. Elliot, containing report of his visit as delegate to the Vermont Baptist Convention.

Voted, That the hours of meeting, and adjournment of the Convention be as last year, viz: 8.30 A. M., 2 P. M. and 7.30 P. M. for meeting; 12 M. and 5 P. M. for adjournment.

Voted, That Dr. Strieby be invited to speak ten minutes concerning the work of the American Missionary Association. Prayer was offered by Rev. Wm. T. Herrick.

Report was made by J. G. Stimson, Esq., Treasurer of Fairbanks Board for Relief of Ministers and Relief of Widows and Orphans. This report was accepted and approved; which was as follows:

Fairbanks Fund for Relief of Ministers, in account with J. G. Stimson, Treasurer.

1874. CREDIT.

June 16,	By balance in treasury per Auditor's report,	$626 19
Aug. 15,	By Thos. Kenedy, interest on notes,	96 00
Nov. 28,	By Rev. C. B. Drake, paid back to fund,	100 00
1875.		
Apr. 1,	By, J. Bass, interest on note,	180 00
Apr. 1,	By J. Somerville, interest on note,	179 75
Apr. 1,	By J. Granger, interest on note,	66 00
Apr. 1,	By P. Boardman, interest on note,	80 00
Apr. 21,	By J. D. Barber, interest on note,	90 00
Jun. 16,	By S. & T. Kenedy's note for extra interest due Nov. 21, 1875.	103 40
Jun. 16,	By interest on $375 50, J. Somerville reported last year,	22 50
Jun. 16,	By interest on small sums,	12 68
		$1556 52

DEBIT.

To appropriations to 7 Beneficiaries,	$550 00	
1875.		
Feb. 9,	To carried to account of Widows and Orphans,	35 00
Sept. and Feb.,	To cash paid expenses twice to Waterbury, on the foreclosure of the Somerville mortgage,	12 80
Jun. 16,	To S. & T. Kenedy's note for extra interest,	103 40
Jun. 16,	To two years' interest on the Somerville notes $3000 for 1872-3,	421 19
Jun. 16,	To error in report of 1874 $182 34, as reported June 1873, and int.,	204 84
Jun. 16,	Cash in Treasury,	225 79
Jun. 16,	To expenses, letters, drafts, &c.,	3 50
		$1556 52

J. G. STIMSON, *Treasurer.*

The Fund now consists as follows :

P. Boardman,	$1,000	with interest from March 29, 1875.
J. Granger,	900	with interest from April 1, 1875.
J. Bass,	3,000	with interest from April 1, 1875.
R. J. Barber,	1,500	with interest from April 21, 1875.
S. & T. Kenedy,	1,500	with interest from Nov. 21, 1874.
J. Somerville,	3,000	with interest from April 1, 1875.
Tennessee Bonds,	5,000	with interest from July 1, 1870.
	$15,900	

J. G. STIMSON, *Treasurer.*

Moneys received for Widows and Orphans in account with J. G. Stimson, Treasurer.

1874.	CREDIT.		
Dec. 2,	By church in Peacham,	$18 68	
1875.			
Feb. 9,	By cash from Fund for Ministers,	25 00	
			$53 68
1874.	DEBIT.		
June 16,	To treasury over drawn as per Auditor's report,	$3 68	
Dec. 2,	To appropriation to Widow Pearsons,	50 00	
			$53 68

J. G. STIMSON, *Treasurer.*

I have examined the vouchers accompanying this report and find them correct.

H. G. ROOT, *Auditor.*

Bennington, June 15, 1875.

The Business Committee suggested that the remaining time of the afternoon be spent in prayer and conference relating to the state of religion.

Adjourned, after prayer by Rev. B. Smith.

EVENING SESSION

was opened by singing. Prayer was offered by Rev. Dr. Cushman.

Discussion on "The law of conscience relating to works of necessity on the Sabbath." Opened by Rev. R. T. Hall.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

A prayer meeting was held at 6, A. M., conducted by Bro. Geo. E. Davis.

Convention met for business at 8 : 30, A. M. Prayer was offered by Rev. Wm. S. Hazen.

The roll was called, and the minutes of yesterday read and approved.

J. C. Emery, Treasurer of the Convention, reported as follows:

J. C. Emery, Treasurer, in account with the General Convention of Congregational Ministers and Churches of Vermont.

	DEBIT.		
1874.			
June 18.	To cash of J. G. Stimson, Esq	$136 00	
	To cash of Caledonia Conference....	30 00	
	To cash of Chittenden Conference...	25 00	
	To cash of Bennington Conference..	16 00	

Sept. 11.	To cash of Windham Conference....	30 00	
Dec. 15.	To cash of Windsor Conference.....	34 00	
1875.			
June 8.	To cash of Orange Conference.....	32 00	
15.	To cash of Washington Conference..	18 00	
	To cash of Franklin & Grand Isle Conference	20 00	
	To cash of Caledonia Conference....	30 00	
			$371 00

CREDIT.

1874.			
Aug. 29.	By paid J. W. Wheelock, printing Minutes of Convention.....	$274 88	
1875.			
June 15.	By paid Dr. Aldace Walker, expense of attending the session of committee on Vt. Chronicle.....	13 25	
	By cash to balance.....	82 87	
			$371 00

J. C. EMERY, *Treasurer.*

I have examined the foregoing account, and find it correct.

H. G. ROOT, *Auditor.*

Bennington, June 15, 1875.

The Committee on Assessments and Abatements made their report, which was accepted and adopted, viz :

To the General Convention :

Your Committee on Assessments and Abatements would report the following apportionment of the assessment of $300 :

Addison Conference	$32 00
Bennington Conference	16 00
Caledonia Conference	30 00
Chittenden Conference.....	25 00
Essex and Coos Conference.....	2 00
Franklin and Grand Isle Conference	20 00
Lamoille Conference.....	8 00
Orange Conference	32 00
Orleans Conference	17 00
Rutland Conference.....	36 00
Washington Conference.....	18 00
Windham Conference	30 00
Windsor Conference	34 00
	$300 00

Rev. A. Stevens, D. D. presented a report for Committee to whom was referred the report on the VERMONT CHRONICLE, closing with the following resolution :

Resolved, That as a Convention we heartily approve of the doings of our Committee on the CHRONICLE as expressed in their report, and would hereby express our approbation of the paper as

conducted by the present publishers and editors, and promise them our support in their work, by contributing to its columns, and by efforts to enlarge its list of subscribers.

The resolution was discussed and adopted.

Report was made by Henry Fairbanks in behalf of the Fairbanks Education Board, which was accepted and approved, as follows:

FAIRBANKS EDUCATION BOARD.—1874–5.

The Treasurer charges himself with

Balance on hand June 1, 1874	$368 00	
Interest on Investments	624 00	
		$992 00

And credits himself with

Paid orders of students aided	$395 00	
Balance carried to new account	597 00	
		$992 00

Seven students have been aided during a part or the whole of the year, two of whom entering college are receiving aid from the American Education Society, and one is not now studying. The remaining four are young men of great promise.

The state of the fund will justify the Board in entertaining new applications, and the suggestion is made to Pastors that they should encourage young men of marked piety and ability to devote themselves to the gospel ministry, and to enter upon a course of study. May many such be found among those recently brought to feel a Saviour's love.

E. T. FAIRBANKS, *Chairman*, (by H. F.)
HENRY FAIRBANKS, *Treasurer*.

Rev. J. G. Hale, for the Nominating Committee, reported a list of Officers for the ensuing year, which report was accepted and laid upon the table.

Adjourned to meet immediately after the session of the Domestic Missionary Society.

At close of meeting of the Domestic Missionary Society, business was resumed.

Rev. J. G. Johnson reported for Sustentation Committee. Report was accepted and laid upon the table, to be taken up at close of exercises in behalf of Education Society.

The following is the report of the Committee who had the matter in charge:

"This Committee was appointed at the meeting of the Convention at Middlebury, two years ago. They met at once and adopted the plan of action, five thousand copies of which were appended

to the reports of the previous Committee on this subject and circulated among the churches. They decided to assist all churches which applied to them for aid, after having met the following conditions:

1.—Actual installation of Pastor.
2.—Salary at least $500.
3.—Average payment of at least $10 per resident church member.
4.—Parsonage not to be reckoned at more than $100.
5.—No reduction of salary from preceding year.
6.—Church salary to be first paid quarterly and reported.
7.—Advance payment to Sustentation Committee of contribution equal to one twentieth of the church's salary.
8. Pastor to pay nothing toward meeting above conditions.
9. Systematic contribution each year to American Board, American Missionary Association, Domestic Missionary Society and Sustentation Committee, as above.
10.—Two or more churches to be aided conjointly, at discretion of Committee.

The Committee will grant it aid from the actual fulfillment of above conditions, and will pay the same at the end of the quarter.

In the two years since the formation of the Committee, nine churches have met the conditions and applied for aid, and have been accepted. The following are the churches aided, in the order of their acceptance, the date of the first being November 11, 1873, and of the last being August 18, 1874: Danby, Glover, Lowell, Weston, Barnet, Wilmington, West Dover, Royalton and Strafford. Two of these, Danby and Weston, have finished their year and will not be received for a second. The other seven, it is hoped, may be continued.

The Treasurer's report will show the great difficulty which the Committee has to contend with. We have been instructed by the Convention to go resolutely to work, on the plan which we adopted and reported to the churches. But the support has not been by any means as generous as the first promises. Of our one hundred and ninety-seven churches, only twenty-four have contributed. Only eight have contributed twice. Several churches, encouraged by the pledge of the Convention and the promise of the Committee, have made unusual exertions in order to receive aid, and are waiting for the fulfillment of our promises. The last Convention, at the suggestion of the Committee, limited the sum given to any church to three hundred dollars, and gave them more freedom of action, so that churches in unpromising condition or localities could be declined, although they disclosed a willingness to meet all conditions.

The Committee express their unwavering conviction in the value of this work for the churches of the State. The sum required to meet all demands is much smaller than at first supposed, and can be easily given. The whole influence of the plan is good, —on the churches aided and on the churches which give. We not only see no reason for giving up the work, but more reason than ever for continuing it. But it is very evident from the Treasurer's report that the churches must more generally give. Contributions must not be withheld because they are small. If

the churches whose representatives have promised support should send in their gifts, there is no fear of a lack in the fund. It requires but a little more determination, and the principle which has been so fully approved will be as fully sustained."

The Convention adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION

was opened with singing, and prayer by Bro. George E. Davis.

Half an hour was devoted to a Bible Service conducted by Rev. William Sewall.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered by Rev. John F. Aiken and Rev. Austin Hazen; after which the Convention came to order and listened to an Essay by Rev. S. P. Cook, entitled: "The connection between the Spiritual life of the believer and his personal knowledge of the Scriptures."

Voted to receive at this time the salutations of the Vermont Methodist Episcopal Conference, which were presented by Rev. J. W. Bemis; also, salutations of the Vermont Baptist Convention, which were communicated by Rev. J. M. Luther.

The President responded to these brethren in behalf of the Convention.

Report of Committee for Nomination of Officers was taken from the table and amended.

Voted to lay on the table so much of the report as relates to the Sustentation fund.

The remainder of the report was adopted, as follows:

President—DEA. C. F. THOMPSON.
Vice President—REV. C. B. HULBERT.
Secretary—REV. JOSEPH CHANDLER.
Treasurer—J. C. EMERY, ESQ.
Corresponding Secretary—REV. P. S. PRATT.
Trustees—THADDEUS FAIRBANKS, Esq., Rev. A. WALKER, D. D., Hon. JOHN A. PAGE, Rev. A. STEVENS, D. D., JAMES W. HICKOK, Esq.

Fairbanks Board of Education—Rev. E. T. FAIRBANKS, Rev. A. WALKER, D. D., Rev. HENRY FAIRBANKS, J. C. EMERY, Esq., Rev. C. W. THOMPSON.

Fairbanks Board for Relief of Ministers—Rev. E. P. HOOKER, THADDEUS FAIRBANKS, Esq., J. G. STIMSON, Esq., Dea. C. F. THOMPSON, Dea. CHARLES WYMAN.

Reporters and Receivers—Addison Conference, Rev. E. P. HOOKER; Bennington Conference, Rev. R. S. CUSHMAN, D. D.;

Caledonia Conference, Rev. C. W. THOMPSON; Chittenden Conference, Rev. C. C. TORREY; Essex Conference, Rev. CHARLES DUREN; Franklin & Grand Isle Conference, Rev. A. B. SWIFT; Lamoille Conference, Rev. V. M. HARDY; Orange Conference, Rev. S. L. BATES; Orleans Conference, Rev. E. P. WILD; Rutland Conference, Rev. R. T. HALL; Windham Conference, Rev. C. H. MERRILL; Windsor Conference, Rev. C. W. CLARK; Washington Conference, Rev. W. S. HAZEN.

Delegate to Vermont M. E. Conference—Rev. E. T. FAIRBANKS. Substitute, Rev. J. P. HUMPHREY.

Delegate to Vt. Baptist Convention—Rev. C. VAN NORDEN. Substitute, Rev. O. G. WHEELER.

Delegate to the Free Baptist Yearly Meeting—Rev. WILLIAM T. HERRICK. Substitute, Rev. A. A. SMITH.

Voted, that the Secretary of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society, and the Corresponding Secretary and Scribe of the Convention, be appointed a Committee to publish the Minutes of this meeting, and that the usual number—three thousand—be printed.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

Dea. C. F. Thompson, Treasurer of the Sustentation Board, reported. The report was accepted and approved, and followed by discussion of the work of the Board. The report is as follows:

Sustentation Fund in account with C. F. Thompson, Treasurer.

DEBIT.

Cash paid church in Danby, Rev. E. F. Wright, to close year to Sept. 1, 1874	$200 00
Cash paid church in Weston, Rev. R. Samuel, three qrs. year to Oct. 1, 1874	300 00
Cash paid church in W. Dover, Rev. H. H. Olds, to close April 1, 1875	400 00
Cash paid church in Barnet, Rev. N. R. Nichols, to close April 1, 1875	200 00
Cash paid church in Royalton, Rev. C. B. Drake, to close Feb. 3, 1875	200 00
Cash paid church in Wilmington, Rev. A. C. Field, to close Jan. 14, 1875	300 00
Cash paid church in Glover, Rev. S. K. B. Perkins, to close Aug. 14, 1875	63 51
Cash paid church in Glover, Rev. S. K. B. Perkins, two qrs. year	104 00
Cash paid church in Lowell, Rev. F. B. Phelps, to close Dec. 2, 1874	200 00

Cash paid church in Strafford, Rev. H. Cummings, three qrs. year to May 14, 1875	150 00
Year closes Aug. 14, 1875.	
	$2,117 51
Cash repaid church in Lowell	25 00
	$2,142 51
Balance on hand	120 06
	$2,262 57

CREDIT.

1874.		
June 19, By balance on hand		$1,407 48
Received from church in West Brattleboro	$30 50	
" " " " Benson	5 12	
" " " " Chester	11 00	
" " " " Peacham	33 00	
" " 1st church, St. Albans	82 20	
" " church in Pittsford	25 00	
" " " " Lyndonville	10 00	
" " South church, St. Johnsbury	146 25	
" " " " " "	3 00	
" " Centre " Brattleboro	75 55	
" " church in Wallingford	19 16	
" " North church, St. Johnsbury	45 41	
" " church in Danville	30 00	
" " " " Wilmington	5 60	
" " " " Cornwall	30 00	
" " " " Rutland	120 00	
" " " " W. Rutland	12 30	
" " " " Chelsea	12 00	
		$696 09
" " " " Strafford, con. 7	$35 00	
" " " " Glover, con. 7	34 00	
" " " " Lowell, con. 7	25 00	
" " " " Barnet, con. 7	35 00	
" " " " Wilmington, con. 7	30 00	
		159 00
		$2,262 57

I have examined the foregoing statement of accounts and find it correct. H. G. ROOT, *Auditor.*

Bennington, June 16, 1875.

Voted to adjourn after prayer by Rev. Henry Cummings.

THURSDAY MORNING.

A meeting for prayer was held at 6 A. M., conducted by Rev. S. P. Cook.

The Convention met for business at 8½ o'clock.

Prayer was offered by Rev. J. G. Hale and Rev. W. S. Hazen.

The roll was called and the records read and approved.

The Nominating Committee reported, nominating as members

of the Pastoral Sustentation Board—Rev. Messrs. J. G. Johnson, Henry Fairbanks, C. S. Smith, H. T. Fuller and Dea. C. F. Thompson. These members were elected.

The Secretary of Sabbath Schools reported. The report was accepted.

The following resolutions presented by the Secretary were adopted:

Resolved—(1.) That it is expedient for the Sabbath School Secretary to collect the statistics hereafter through the agency of a Sabbath School Worker in each Conference, in order that Superintendents may not be called upon to make so many reports to different individuals.

(2.) That we very urgently recommend to Superintendents to use the Tomlinson system of recording, published at Chicago, and that they take special pains to be accurate in all their figures.

(3.) That in view of the blessings of the past year upon our schools we will make Eccl. XI:6 our motto for the coming year as Sabbath School Workers.

(4.) That our Sabbath School teachers should feel the equivalent of a pastor's responsibility for the conversion of their pupils and should endeavor to supplement the pastor's labors in this direction.

The report of the Secretary was adopted.

Rev. P. B. Fisk was re-elected Sabbath School Secretary.

Rev. Dr. Walker presented the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted by a rising vote:—

Resolved, That we tender the hearty thanks of this Convention to the people of Bennington for their cordial and abundant hospitality; to the choir of this church for its very acceptable services; and to the railroads for their reduction of fares.

The following resolution, presented by Rev. Dr. Walker, was adopted:

Resolved, That we heartily approve of the action of the Committee on Pastoral Sustentation; we believe that much good may come to our feeble churches in the encouragement this plan holds out to them to settle their ministers, and we recommend the vigorous prosecution of this work during the coming year. To enable the committee to do this we earnestly request the churches connected with this Convention to take up at an early day a contribution for this object, and we pledge our best efforts to make this plan a success in the State and a blessing both to the weak and the strong churches.

Voted to authorize the Secretary of the Convention to revise

the schedule for benevolent contributions and print it in the minutes.

The following resolution was passed:

Resolved, That with emotions of gratitude and love to our Lord and Master we acknowledge the great ingathering to the fold of Christ during the past year, evidently in large measure through the efforts of the Executive Committee of the Young Men's Christian Associations and their co-laborers in the churches. We bid the Committee God speed in their work and assure them of our hearty sympathy and co-operation in all well-directed efforts in the future.

Voted to print the report of the Sustentation Committee.

The committee on the place of next meeting and the assignment of parts reported as follows:

For Preacher—Rev. N. Mighill; Substitute, Rev. J. G. Hale.

Discussion—The relation of the churches of the State to our educational institutions. Primaries, President M. H. Buckham and Prof. E. D. Brainard; Substitutes, Prof. J. E. Goodrich and Prof. E. H. Higley.

Essay—The utilizing of the lay element of the churches. Primary, Rev. P. B. Fisk; Substitute, Rev. J. L. Litch.

They also recommended that the next meeting be held in the north-eastern part of the state; that, if no place in Orleans county desire the meeting, it be held at St. Johnsbury, and that a committee be appointed to arrange definitely for the place of meeting.

This report was adopted and the following persons were appointed a committee to arrange definitely for the place of the next meeting, viz: Rev. Henry Fairbanks, Rev. J. Chandler and Rev. W. T. Herrick.

Dea. S. S. Scott responded for the church in Bennington to the vote of thanks passed by the Convention.

The minutes were read and approved.

After prayer by Dr. A. Stevens, and the singing of the doxology, the Convention adjourned.

HENRY FAIRBANKS, *President.*

C. H. MERRILL, *Scribe.*
W. W. WINCHESTER, *Assistant Scribe.*

REPORT

ON THE

STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

We sincerely regret that our dear Brother Torrey, the faithful Corresponding Secretary of the Convention for the last years, cannot be with us to-day to rejoice that the clouds, of which he spoke last year as filling a considerable portion of the picture of the spiritual condition of our churches, have, at least to a considerable extent, disappeared. We also regret that the newly elected Secretary has been unable to perform the duties assigned him, and has recently severed his relations with the church and people among whom his labors have been so greatly blessed. Yet we rejoice that, notwithstanding the Lord's faithful servants leave these mountain fields, the Spirit of the Most High abides under the shadow of the hills; the pastures are still green through the showers of divine grace, and the mantles of the prophets fall, not upon the ground, but upon the shoulders of those to whom Jehovah has given his own commission, and into whose hearts He has breathed His own guiding and sanctifying power. Some of us come hither to-day with the persuasion that we are living in no ordinary time, that we have but lately heard and seen what neither tongue nor pen can adequately describe, and have tasted of that which is in our souls "as honey in our mouth for sweetness."

In taking a survey of the whole state the landscape is still checkered, but many a spot, for years all too dark, has, during the past few months, been gloriously lightened. So general, especially throughout the eastern part of the state, has been either special religious interest or the hope of it, that the churches in their reports rarely mention anything else; hence it is obvious that this general report must be chiefly devoted to an account of these—in many places—remarkable religious awakenings. Between sixty and seventy churches, or one third of the whole number reporting, send tidings of revival interest, attended with conversions numbering in each church from six or eight to nearly two hundred.

ADDISON CONFERENCE.

Addison Conference reports that the year has been one of unusual

prosperity. Much advantage to the churches has accrued from the change of the time of meeting of Conference from June to December, and from a new system of exercises for the meetings. At its last meeting in December at Middlebury it discussed the subject of revivals. A tender and really revival spirit prevailed. Such a meeting had not been held for years. Throughout most of the churches there has been a state of much prayer and expectancy. Union Sabbath-school Conventions have been fully attended and produced good results. Bridport and Shoreham observed the week of prayer with interest and Christians were quickened. Addison, Bristol and Ferrisburgh have been without regular preaching. Whiting has been supplied by a Methodist minister. Salisbury deplores the loss of its pastor. Bridport, Orwell and Salisbury have suffered from death and removal of members. The Weybridge church is renovating its house of worship. Ripton reports two or three conversions, but finds it difficult to keep up weekly prayer-meetings on account of the wide dispersion of its members. Special religious interest began in Middlebury in the autumn. It was first manifest in the increased attendance of the young people upon the weekly prayer-meeting. Often there were more impenitent than Christians present. The pastor invited those of the Sabbath School who hoped they were Christians, but had made no profession of faith, to the parsonage. Several came. The next week those were also invited who desired to become Christians, and several others responded. Interest increased at the time of the Conference and during the week of prayer. The work has been chiefly among the young. Twenty-eight have united with the church and a considerable number more will avail themselves of a future opportunity. New Haven has enjoyed a season of special interest, beginning with the week of prayer. Twenty conversions are reported. Vergennes has been similarly blessed, twenty-five persons having united with the church.

BENNINGTON CONFERENCE.

Bennington Conference has had less of special religious interest than last year. The church at Arlington, the only one mentioning anything like a revival, reports thirty conversions. The Bennington Second church has dedicated, we believe, their house of worship, and the churches generally have enjoyed their usual prosperity.

CALEDONIA CONFERENCE.

The churches of Caledonia Conference have been visited with one of the most remarkable and thorough religious awakenings known in modern or indeed in any time. Every church has been blest, and all but one or two have shared largely in the refreshing.

though upon two the dews of heaven have fallen since the first of May. St. Johnsbury has been the centre, and to a great extent the radiating point, of the work, not only for the churches of this Conference but also for much of the north-eastern portion of the state. Among many of the Christians of the churches of this town there had, for a year or two past, been an increasing desire for the presence of the Holy Spirit, and when the spring of 1874 went past without marked spiritual results there were not a few souls who groaned within themselves, and said, also, here and there, that they could not, God willing, be content that another year should be as the last. At the May (1874) meeting of the Caledonia Association there was an expression of the same feeling, and the subject of revival effort was proposed and adopted as the topic for the meetings of the autumn. As some of the members of the Association met casually during the summer, the theme of conversation uppermost was: What shall be done to save souls? Meanwhile the same fire burned in the hearts of laymen and Christian women. Notably some of those whose husbands were not professors of religion besought earnestly the throne of grace. After the plan of the canvass of the Committee of the Young Men's Christian Association and the Vermont churches was matured a praying band was formed, comprising a few devout Christian men, who met very quietly, at first weekly and afterwards more frequently, to pray definitely for two objects: first, that God's blessing might accompany the Gospel workers elsewhere; and secondly, that there might be graciously manifested the reviving and converting power of the Holy Spirit. During the month of December there developed, chiefly in the east side of the village, an interest, slight as compared with what followed, in connection with the labors of Rev. Mr. Marsh of the Baptist church and of Rev. Mr. DeWitt, an evangelist who assisted in the work for a few days. But the clouds, thus for a moment at the point of rifting, seemed to close again. With the week of prayer the five evangelical churches of the village, viz: North and South Congregational, Baptist, Methodist and Free Baptist, with remarkable concord began to hold union meetings twice weekly, which meetings were continued with but slight interruption for four months. Yet during the first month it could not be said that there was much visible increase of interest. There was, however, increasing earnestness among Christians, and a centering of hope in the approaching Gospel meetings and much prayer was offered that they might become a means of great blessing. Saturday evening, February 6th, these meetings began. They were conducted by Messrs. Davis of Burlington, Cook of Ludlow, and Moore and Remington of Massachusetts, assisted by others. Dur-

ing the Sabbath the Spirit was manifestly present, great solemnity prevailed and thirty or forty rose for prayers as opportunity was given. A few of these were students in the Academy, and Monday morning, as the members of the school, about two hundred and twenty-five in number, came together for the usual devotions. the chapel was profoundly silent; and, says one of the teachers. who had witnessed several seasons of religious interest, "from that moment I was sure that the Lord had a great blessing in store for us if we only waited upon Him." The day services of Monday were largely devoted to prayer. Specific requests poured in. Parents expressed their anxiety for children, sisters for brothers, wives for husbands, friends for friends. That evening ninety were present at the inquiry meeting, and fully a hundred. including many business men, requested prayers at the general meeting following. The developments of the next day and evening were hardly less impressive. New converts began to testify of what the Lord had wrought for them. At one of these meetings almost every one in the house was surprised to hear the voice of a noted character who for three months had lain in jail on account of participation in a riot. Bill Robinson had often been heard to boast that he could carry more liquor, swear harder, and take larger share in a brawl than almost any other man. But that night, in a subdued and tender voice, he told how the Lord had visited him in his cell and overcome his hard heart. It was a Pauline conversion. God had called him in advance of these meetings to make him a chosen vessel to bear the news of forgiveness to the most reckless. From this time Christians girded themselves for work. There was a great deal of personal effort and much persevering prayer for individuals. The subject of religion was the all-absorbing topic of conversation. Besides the regular Wednesday and Saturday evening prayer meetings there were two union meetings weekly and a young converts' meeting in each church on Friday evening. One evening a week was always given to rest. About the middle of February Russell Sturgis Jr., President of the Young Men's Christian Association of Boston, visited St. Johnsbury and conducted meetings for two or three days. He addressed himself chiefly to Christians and incited them to more Bible study and to closer sympathy with the Lord Jesus. A few words from him to the students of the academy were very effective. And so the work went on. Twice afterwards, before May 1st, and once since, the "Massachusetts brethren," as they were familiarly called, upon the earnest solicitation of the people, came and held a series of two or three days' meetings. The Lord greatly blessed their labors, especially to business men. Every one worked with them and before and after them. There was everywhere the most delightful harmony. No-

body cared who were the instruments if only souls were saved. The results are probably the conversion of more than five hundred souls at St. Johnsbury Plain and immediate vicinity. Of these fully one hundred and twenty were members of the academy, three fourths of whom had their homes elsewhere. On the first Sabbath of May or earlier, nearly two hundred and fifty persons were received into the five churches which united in the work, about one hundred and forty of them coming to the North and South Congregational churches. Nearly if not quite as many more will be hereafter received to church membership.

This work had not long continued at St. Johnsbury before the surrounding towns began to feel its influence and the influence, too, of the Spirit, and to demand similar labor. Accordingly, in the latter part of February and March Gospel meetings, conducted chiefly by Mr. J. T. Quimby of Thetford, assisted by helpers from St. Johnsbury, were held in East Burke, West Concord, Danville, Lyndon, East St. Johnsbury, Lyndonville, Passumpsic and West Burke. Later, nearly every other town and village in the county has had one or more series of such meetings, conducted generally by brethren from St. Johnsbury. A genuine and marked revival interest has attended and followed labor in every place visited with two or three exceptions. In two towns, where the earlier Gospel meetings produced very slight apparent results, later meetings have been accompanied with great blessing.

The church at St. Johnsbury Centre has had preaching but a portion of the year, but is revived and encouraged by interest during the spring. The pastor at St. Johnsbury East writes that probably fifty have recently indulged Christian hope in that parish and many others are interested. The work has not been rapid but very satisfactory.

The church in Danville reports rather a low state of religious feeling till the Gospel meetings March 1st, but since great prosperity, although no additions are reported. June 1st thirty-eight united with the church and more will follow. There have been more than one hundred conversions in the town. Barnet reports sixty hopeful conversions of those of all ages from nine to sixty years. Thirteen family altars have been erected. The church at McIndoes received fifteen by profession during the year. More than usual interest prevailed before the Gospel meetings. These were blest to the conversion of about fifty souls. The future looks very promising. Just across the Connecticut river from McIndoes is Monroe, N. H.; a Congregational church of sixteen members was organized in August. It is under the care of Rev. J. L. Litch, the acting pastor of the church at McIndoes, and is largely the fruit of his labor. It shared the work at McIndoes, and eight or ten will soon unite with it. (This church was received to the

Caledonia Conference at the June meeting, but is not included in the summary of reports since, as it is situated in another state, it has been a matter of doubt whether it properly belonged to this Convention.)

East Burke has had but little preaching during the year, but if it had a minister would receive some strength from the results of the interest during the spring. The church in Cabot, at the writing of the report, seemed on the eve of a revival. Fourteen additions by profession and a very general religious interest in the church are mentioned. East Hardwick has sorely deplored the loss of Bro. Torrey, and has found no permanent successor. Since the writing of the report God has visited them with a gracious rain. Lyndon and Lyndonville have both been revived and the interest continues. The church in Peacham has been in a healthier state than heretofore for most of the year and of late has experienced a signal refreshing. The church at Lower Waterford was greatly blessed by the Gospel meetings, and the pastor reports that the interest resulting will probably double the effective working force of the church.

CHITTENDEN CONFERENCE.

In Chittenden Conference, Burlington 3d, Colchester, Essex Junction, Jericho 1st and Milton churches report more than the ordinary interest, with a few conversions in each church and much longing for greater refreshing. The church at Essex was revived early in the autumn and mentions twenty or more hopeful conversions.

ESSEX CONFERENCE.

Of the churches in Essex Conference Granby has just celebrated its fiftieth anniversary, and the church though not large is in excellent working condition. Guildhall has had no preaching during the year and the brethren there are discouraged.

FRANKLIN AND GRAND ISLE CONFERENCE.

Alburgh reports increase of interest and eight additions, and Bakersfield a quiet work of grace. At East Berkshire a few were brought to Christ during the winter. The interior of the church has been repaired.

In Enosburgh, neighborhood prayer meetings have been found very efficient. The church in Fairfield has been caused trouble by an unworthy minister, or by one who professed to be a minister, who was received by them without proper credentials. Georgia has spent $300 in repairs on church. In Highgate there has been more than usual interest during the year, with twelve or more hopeful conversions. The church at Montgomery had the labors

of a student for three months. A Sabbath-school convention held there has given new impetus to Sabbath-school work.

The pastor of the church in St. Albans writes that "a deepening of religious conviction and interest, early in March, led to the appointment of a nightly prayer meeting. No outside help was called in and none of the ordinary revival machinery used. The meetings continued through April, resulting in the reviving of the church and in some sixty conversions. Forty united with the church at the May communion. All were adults but two. The type of religious experience has been calm, deliberate, and entirely without excitement. Fear has not been appealed to and the word "hell" has not been mentioned. This is stated, not as deprecating such mention, but as showing that a blessing can come through the drawings of love as well as by the drivings of terror.

In Swanton, union meetings, beginning with the week of prayer, were held for some weeks without visible results, but at last the windows of heaven were opened and a blessing given, resulting in upwards of one hundred conversions.

LAMOILLE CONFERENCE.

Three of the churches of this Conference are vacant. Cambridge had the services of a student for four or five months in the summer, and lay work of helpers from Johnson and St. Johnsbury resulted in some conversions. North Hyde Park is on the ebb tide. Wolcott would prove good soil if it were cultivated soon. Hyde Park and Morrisville have received blessings since the first of May. Johnson was visited by Gospel workers in April, God greatly blessing their labors and continuing His presence, but the fruits had not been gathered in season for this report. The pastor at Stowe writes of an increase of interest during the last three months of the year.

ORANGE CONFERENCE.

Says the reporter: "The past year has been one of real prosperity and gain with many of our churches, while with others it has been one of apparent drought and loss. We report this year three less in total membership than last year, though more than twice the number of last year has been received into the churches by profession, and, comparing losses with gains reported, there has been an increase of membership. The discrepancy is doubtless reconciled by the fact that the names of absent members have, in many cases, been dropped from the rolls. The decrease in the average congregations, and the falling off in the benevolent contributions, are to be attributed largely to the fact that six or eight churches have been without preaching nearly the whole year. The church in Newbury has had a refreshing revival, chiefly the result of

Gospel meetings. Sixty conversions are reported. The young men of the church are holding meetings in the out-districts. Similar efforts to reach those who do not usually attend church have been made in Bradford. West Randolph church reports a few conversions and hopes for greater blessing. Fourteen united with the church in May, and there has been considerable interest among the young. At Strafford, the week of prayer left much tenderness of feeling, and Gospel meetings held later, with other means used, resulted in several conversions. The church at Thetford has had the ministrations of Prof. Parker of Dartmouth College, and though without pastoral work during the week has enjoyed a quiet work of grace, resulting in thirty or more conversions. The report from the church in Tunbridge says that the year just past has been one of great prosperity. They have had a blessed revival, old difficulties have been settled, and the church building is about to be repaired within and without. At Wells River there has been a deepening interest, and a few hopeful conversions since January."

ORLEANS CONFERENCE.

Very many of the churches of this conference have been visited by the presence of God's Spirit during the winter and spring. The Gospel meetings have been greatly blessed. Barton, Glover and Newport have enjoyed revivals of marked power, resulting in from forty to sixty or more conversions in each place. Brother Wild, of Newport, writes: "The Gospel meetings began here April 1st and continued four days. From that time sinners were awakened, and since, the question 'What shall I do to be saved?' has been heard on every hand. Many have been born again, some of them among the most notoriously wicked men of the village. All the members of the church have been filled with new zeal and love, and some backsliders have been reclaimed whose cases are as wonderful as those of new converts." The church at Brownington (henceforth to be known as the church of Brownington and Barton Landing) much enjoyed during the summer the labors of Mr. J. M. Dutton, a Yale student. They have since obtained a permanent supply, and the interest during the spring has resulted in a considerable number of conversions. The church in West Charleston has been weakened by financial reverses, and its pastor is now preaching one fourth of the time in Morgan. A few conversions are reported. In Coventry there has been considerable interest, chiefly since May 1st. A good impulse was given to it by help of young men from Irasburgh and Newport. Derby reports a few conversions. At Greensboro, at the time of writing this report, the state of religion was low and discouraging, but a change has since taken place, mainly through

the influence of workers from St. Johnsbury. Holland, after struggling through difficulty and despondency, was much strengthened during last summer by the labors of a Mr. Archibald, and reports more additions during the year than any other church in the Conference. The report says: "We think more was accomplished by the minister's visiting among the people than by preaching." The church at Irasburgh reports the removal of old difficulties, the reconciliation of estranged members, and during the last part of the year a precious work of grace.

RUTLAND CONFERENCE.

The churches in Brandon, Clarendon and Wallingford have been quickened and blessed each with a few conversions, while Fairhaven has enjoyed a considerable revival. Pittsford reports a new parsonage. Poultney and Sudbury have been weakened and discouraged by removals and deaths. The Welsh church at Fairhaven has been received into this Conference and is now reported for the first time. West Haven church, having become virtually extinct, is dropped from the rolls.

WASHINGTON CONFERENCE.

Of the churches in Washington Conference, those of Barre, Marshfield, Northfield, Roxbury and Waterbury have been the recipients of special blessing. In Barre, early last winter a spirit of more fervent prayer than usual was manifest, and during the week of prayer several expressed a desire and purpose to enter upon a Christian life. From that time the interest increased till not far from seventy persons expressed either a new hope or the revival of an old one; of these, thirty were students of Barre Academy whose homes were elsewhere. Few of the members of the school were unmoved. From Marshfield it is written that for more than six months there has been a quiet revival, resulting in twenty or twenty-five conversions. Christians in Montpelier have been quickened. Northfield and Roxbury have been weakened by removals; and the small church in Duxbury, having been disappointed in not securing the services of a student during the summer and having had only two preaching services for a year, is much discouraged.

WINDHAM CONFERENCE.

Two of the churches (Dover and East Guilford) last year under the charge of Rev. O. C. Dickerson, county missionary, have not this year reported. Many report more than the ordinary degree of religious interest, and several have been remarkably blessed. Among these are the churches in Brattleboro and East Westminster. The interest in West Brattleboro was developed during and

immediately after the week of prayer. The work was carried on the first three weeks by the church. Later, outside help was employed. A sermon by Rev. Mr. Whittier, the first Sabbath of the new year, was blest to many. The interest in the Centre church of Brattleboro, also, commenced with the week of prayer, and was so marked that extra meetings were decided upon. Printed invitations to attend were sent to every family. Help was solicited for week-day preaching. The church was stirred. There were many inquirers and many were converted. "We have found," writes the pastor, "that the stay of the work, humanly speaking, has been that part of the church which may be called the prayer-meeting class; these have enjoyed and have done most; other members of the church have been too much outside of the work. The new converts run well; many are yet to be gathered into the church and there are others who are inquiring." In Westminster East there was more than ordinary preparation for the week of prayer. The Gospel meetings were held during that week and were very profitable. Says the pastor, "The brethren who conducted them were most acceptable and useful among us. There was perfect harmony, and we praise the Lord for their coming and for the judicious efforts made by them. Twenty-seven have united with the church and we hope for others. The young converts have been active." The Gospel meetings in Windham and Bellows Falls were also productive of good, though definite results have not been reported. Rev. Mr. Potter's labors in Putney last autumn resulted in numerous conversions, though, probably owing in part to the change of pastors about that time, but little of the fruit was gathered into the Congregational church. Most of the churches in this Conference report additions by profession.

WINDSOR CONFERENCE.

The churches of Windsor Conference report varied experiences; some of them cheering and delightful visitations of the Spirit, while others mention no special interest. At Chester union meetings began with the week of prayer. The Gospel meetings were about the middle of March. There were two or three conversions previous, and about a dozen more during these meetings. In connection with the preaching of Rev. E. A. Whittier, who came to assist the pastor in April, church members were greatly quickened, and about forty in both societies (Baptist and Congregational) indulged hope. Hartford reports decided religious interest at the beginning of the year 1875, which was increased by the labors of the Gospel workers the last of January. Thirty to forty indulge hope of the new birth. At West Hartford there evidently was an increase of religious interest among the young

people, for several months before the meetings held by the Young Men's Christian Association in January. Three had manifested that interest by rising for prayer, but none had professed hope in Christ. The Gospel meetings held by the young men called out a very general interest, when more than forty came forward as enquirers. Twenty-two of these have united with the church and others will come in later. The most of these are from the Sabbath school. Quechee reports a year of steady progress. Hartland is yet without a pastor. Ludlow has experienced a wide-spread awakening in connection with the Gospel meetings and subsequently through the labors of Rev. E. A. Whittier. There have been about one hundred professed conversions, a few of the subjects belonging to adjoining towns, the remainder to be distributed about equally among the three churches which united in the work. Norwich has been blessed with fruitful showers of divine grace. "We have to record," says the report, "steadily increasing interest in spiritual things on the part of the church, a larger attendance at the prayer meetings, a deeper solemnity, together with a more prompt, hearty and general participation in the exercises. There have been about thirty hopeful conversions. The annual convention of the Young Men's Christian Associations and churches in November and the Gospel meetings in the spring greatly promoted the interest." Pittsfield and Rochester report discouragement through removals and deaths, and that the tendency of spiritual things is downward. Pomfret reports a successful Gospel meeting, resulting in conversions and increased hopefulness on the part of the church. Eight have publicly professed Christ and others will soon follow.

The church in Royalton has received a great blessing, beginning with the week of prayer. The work was greatly accelerated by the Gospel meetings in March. There have been sixty hopeful conversions. Thirty-two united with the church in May; others will unite in July. Ten family alters have been erected since January. And the interest still continues. At South Royalton from forty to fifty in the two societies have expressed interest in Christ. The Gospel meetings did efficient work. Sharon reports interest, dating from the Gospel meetings, and twenty-five or thirty conversions in two churches. The interests of temperance have been advanced by the formation of a Good Templar's lodge of sixty members. Springfield reports a good degree of prosperity, with a few conversions. At Stockbridge, Bible readings on the Sabbath have varied the form of the ordinary service with good effect.

The church at East Weathersfield makes no report. An Episcopal service is maintained with some interest. Weston has lost

its pastor and is to be supplied by a theological student during the summer. Windsor reports a rising tide in the church. Gospel meetings were quickening to Christians. There is a decline in readiness to enforce the laws concerning intemperance which is unfavorable to the best interests of the place.

AGENCIES.

Following this, on the whole, very cheering survey of the condition of the churches, it seems eminently suitable to note some of the means which the Lord has employed and blessed in the carrying on of His work. First, it is the almost universal testimony that the special work of Divine grace wherever wrought was definitely labored and prayed for. Generally, preliminary work was done by the people before outside help was employed; but if not this, the people worked with a will when they were called, or when their duty and privilege were set before them. Secondly, the extent of the work has been, not in proportion to the extent or the ability of the foreign aid introduced, but in proportion to the faith and persevering prayer of God's people, coupled with faithful and judicious personal effort. As far as special agencies of any other sort are concerned the churches enjoying revivals may be divided into three classes: First, those which have called in no outside assistance; secondly, those which have employed Evangelists; and thirdly, those that have availed themselves of the aid of the Gospel meetings or the work of the laborers of the Young Men's Christian Associations. Of the first class, the churches in St. Albans and Middlebury, with some others, seem to have wrought quite alone, yet very successfully. Others, like Vergennes and Swanton, united with churches of other denominations, and doubtless gained vigor and strength simply from such association. Brattleboro and Newbury were aided by other ministers. Four or five churches, including West Brattleboro, Chester, Putney and Ludlow, have found the preaching of a professed Evangelist very helpful. On the contrary, at St. Johnsbury such an Evangelist did not reach the people. Some other man might have met with better success, but even there, I think, every one familiar with such work would say that probably no one living man, and certainly no preacher, would have so much reached the masses as did the lay workers.

In fully four fifths of the churches, where the influences of the Spirit have been most markedly manifest, the development of religious interest has been chiefly in connection with the efforts of the so-called Gospel workers. But what, it may be asked, gave to these laborers such notable success? It may be answered in the first place that, no doubt, in the absence of other available

instrumentalities, the prayers of God's people were directed with reference to these helpers, and gave them, by the blessing of the Spirit in answer to prayer, very great efficiency. In many places, too, the fields were white to the harvest. Yet elsewhere such confessedly was not the case. But it was everywhere noticed that these workers were men of much prayer. They relied on God. They spent almost as much time in secret prayer as in public work. They struck the key-note of their success when in every place before each meeting, they met by themselves for prayer, for guidance and for the special presence of the Spirit. Again,—and this was perhaps the most noticeable feature of their work to the ordinary observer,—these workers gave great prominence to God's word. It was presented and enforced with great simplicity. Every child could understand. Their Bible readings were often very impressive. The Gospel plan of salvation was packed into a nutshell. They held up both sides of the picture. Men were saved or unsaved. Such plainness of speech, supported by the authority of God's word; by the evident sincerity of their own convictions; by prayer, and by the concurrent testimony of many Christians; the utterances of all being in a direct, sensible, practical, business-like way, entirely free from either cant or rhetorical art, was as effective as any human utterance could well be — and the more so, doubtless, because many of the hearers had been accustomed to quite another style of speech. At St. Johnsbury and vicinity it has been noticed that after the revival interest fairly began almost every means employed was blest to some souls. Some said it was this or that sermon of their minister that reached them; others ascribed their conversion to the prayers of friends or those of the congregations. Some were influenced by the word of this or that Gospel worker; others more by the expression of interest of some old friend in their behalf. The artless utterances of young children were winged by the Spirit to the hearts of not a few parents, and the life-long prayers of a father, or mother, or wife, or friend, were recalled to many a forgetful and wayward soul, till from very shame of its treatment of the love of others it was led to a sense of sin against God. To here and there one God spoke as directly as to Samuel or Saul of Tarsus.

SPECIAL FEATURES OF LAYMEN'S WORK.

It has been a noteworthy feature of the laymen's work that it has been wrought neither through any one man nor through any single band of men. None, judging from the results, have been able to say I or we are the Lord's special messengers. Bands quite differently constituted have had equal success. Workers from our own state have, all things considered, been as much

smiled upon by heaven as those from abroad, and fresh workers have often accomplished as much as those longer in the field. Yet very much has been learned from those who have had experience of years in such work, and the charge of such a series of Gospel meetings is not wisely given to one who has not had some experience.

Another feature of these revivals is the intense, and yet sober, activity of the young converts. To this the example of Christian laymen has incited them, and for this they have seemed remarkably ready. Religious services are being conducted these summer Sabbaths in hundreds of school-houses by those who a few months ago cared nothing for a personal Saviour. The era of a dumb Christianity has its days numbered. Moreover, it has been everywhere, in connection with these meetings, held that the testimony of a woman was as good as that of a man, though women's voices have been heard generally in modest acknowledgment of a Saviour's love, rather than in bold exhortation.

A *third* feature of all this work has been the entire suppression of denominational differences, and the cordiality and harmony with which Christians of every evangelical name have worked together.

Fourthly, there has been very little of the ordinary revival machinery employed, and scarcely anything which could properly be termed excitement. No anxious seats have been used; no kneeling insisted on, nor any conspicuous gathering in front of the audience called for. There have been earnest appeals and enthusiastic singing. The latter has often been very effective, and the little volume called "The Winnowed Hymns," has proved admirably adapted to the requirements of such work. *Fifthly*, it is the universal testimony that the converts so far run well. The Holy Spirit has been unmistakably present in the work. Men have relied upon the Spirit, sought the Spirit, and He has come to them.

Finally, this laymen's or Gospel work has very strongly commended itself to those who have known most about it. Almost everywhere it has removed prejudice against it. Almost everywhere it has strengthened the hands of the parish ministers. The workers have not always been successful; sometimes they have made mistakes, (who does not?) but where they have not made some impression, it has generally been through lack of faith, or prayer, or hearty, united co-operation on the part of the Christians among whom they have tried to labor. This form of Christian effort is Scriptural and rational; it is simply the advance of the laymen to the proper support of the ministry, and the performing of their part in the evangelizing of the world. God has

owned it by the fruits He has given to it; for in connection with it, nearly if not quite two thousand souls in this state have within the past six months been converted. We may add, by way of confirmation, that the Caledonia Conference, at its meeting at East Hardwick last week, passed a resolution most heartily endorsing this work.

There are many incidental results of the revival interest of the past year which might be mentioned were not this report already too long. Most of the churches which have not shared largely in the interest are very hopeful as to the future. They desire a blessing and expect it. May the Lord fill every longing heart!

Many churches will hereafter be better sustained financially. Public morals ought to be of a higher tone and the cause of temperance to receive a better support. It is a question worth considering whether the services of laymen may not be profitably employed in the weaker churches unable to support preaching all the year, and whether some of the churches not reporting either this or for several previous years may not by the same means be aroused at least into life enough to give some account of themselves.

THE MINISTERS.

There have been numerous changes in the ministry of the State during the year. Death has overtaken none in active service. Four only are reported as having deceased who have had any connection with the churches of the State, and but one of these resided within our bounds at the time of his death. These are Rev. H. F. Leavitt, Rev. Archibald Fleming, Rev. Stephen Williams and Rev. Edward W. Hooker, D. D. Brief notices of these brethren will be appended to this report.

Six settled pastors have been dismissed during the year, only one of whom remains in the state. Seven have been installed (two of them ordained) within the year. Twenty acting pastors have left the State and about the same number have come in to us. The number of settled pastors is 66, one more than last year. The number of acting pastors is 76; of licentiates in charge, 6. There are 50 ministers without charge and 3 licentiates without charge. The whole number of ministers in the state is 201, (148 in charge.)

SUMMARY OF THE CHURCHES.

Reports have been received from 182 of the churches, seven more than last year. Fifteen have sent no reports, viz: Dover, East Guilford, East Weathersfield, Bridgewater, Barnard, Plymouth, Warren, Tinmouth, Wolcott, North Hyde Park, Troy, North Underhill, Richmond, West Milton and St. Albans 2d. Some of these have not been reported for years and are, most likely, vir-

tually extinct. There are on the list 197 churches, the same number as last year, West Haven having been dropped and the Welsh church at Fairhaven added. Of these 151 are supplied with ministers; 46 are vacant; 121 (22 more than last year) report additions by profession; 77 report no such additions. Comparing admissions with losses by dismissals, deaths, etc., eleven Conferences report a net gain of 686, and one Conference (Essex) reports a loss of 7. Bennington Conference just holds its own. The number of members reported by 182 churches is 18,345. If the number not reported be added the total membership would be about 18,500. Bro. Torrey's estimate for the unreported churches last year was too high. If the 3,260 absentees be deducted there would remain 15,240 resident members. 1,056 have been received by profession during the year (more than twice as many as during the previous year), and 422 by letter,—1478 in all. There have been 338 deaths, 451 dismissals and 8 excommunications,—in all 779, making a net gain of 679. There have been reported 220 infant baptisms; baptisms of adults, 535. The number connected with 165 Sabbath schools is 19,813, or 1300 more than reported last year. Average aggregate congregations of 164 churches, 20,257, or 2000 more than reported last year. The amount of benevolent contributions reported by 142 churches is $40,341.29, or more than $7,000 less than last year. Windsor Conference shows the greatest falling-off as compared with last year; Caledonia, Chittenden, Orleans, Rutland and Washington Conferences report a gain. It would be a matter of great convenience, both to the reporters and the secretary, if the churches would report promptly. We have had this year only a very brief space of time in which to collate and write the report. Respectfully,

H. T. FULLER,

Corresponding Sec'y pro tem.

OBITUARY NOTICES.

Rev. ARCHIBALD FLEMING was born at Paisley, Scotland, Feb. 13, 1800. He united with the church in 1817; emigrated in 1819; settled in Burlington, Vt., in 1820; graduated at the University of Vermont in 1828; studied theology at Princeton, N. J., and was ordained at Whitehall, N. Y., in 1832.

He was pastor in Whitehall, N. Y., Haverhill, N. H., and Brookfield, Vt., and acting pastor in Constable, N. Y., filling up the intervals with teaching and as temporary supply in other places.

He died at Malone, N. Y., June 3, 1875.

Rev. GILMAN VOSE was born in Bridgewater, Vt., June 5, 1803. He died at Oglesby, Ill., Aug. 28, 1874, aged 71 years and about 3 months. He lived at home upon a farm until eighteen years of age. He then commenced studying with the ministry in view, passing through a short preparatory course at Pembroke Academy, New Hampshire, and studying theology with Rev. Justin Parsons of Pittsfield, Vt. In 1828 he was ordained and installed pastor of the Congregational church in Stockbridge, Vt., being the first pastor of the church. But his health had been undermined by severe study and after preaching two years it gave away entirely, compelling him to retire from the ministry and engage in secular pursuits. He never afterwards engaged in pastoral duties, but was always faithful in the service of his Master.

Rev. STEPHEN WILLIAMS was born in Massachusetts and removed with his father to Orwell, Vt., when he was eight years old. He was about three years a member of Middlebury College, but was never graduated, owing, it is supposed to ill health. With whom he studied for the ministry is not known. He commenced his ministry in Ogden, N. Y. From 1832 to 1836 he preached in Tinmouth, Vt. He next went to Clarendon, where he was acting pastor for about six years. From 1844 to 1846 he was stated supply of the church in Hubbardton. While at Clarendon Mr. Williams buried his wife, who was a woman of sterling characteristics, having marked power over him for good, and at Hubbardton he buried some of his children. These repeated

afflictions, with his continued ill health, induced discouragement, despondency and somewhat of a morbid mental state. After leaving Hubbardton he lived several years in Orwell, near his old home, where he buried his second wife and the remainder of his children—the last one being a son, who died in the service of his country in the late war. A pension allowed by government on account of this son constituted his only means of support. Some six years ago he returned to Clarendon to find a home among the people with whom he labored longest in the ministry. There he found friends, who, remembering him for what he once was, ministered to him in his nervous and broken condition and smoothed his pathway to the end of his pilgrimage.

Mr. Williams was a clear thinker and logical reasoner. His memory was tenacious, and he showed great familiarity with the Scriptures. His theology was strongly Calvinistic. He died March 31, 1875, at Clarendon, aged 76. His funeral services were conducted by Rev. A. D. Barber of Clarendon and by Rev. Aldace Walker, D. D., of Wallingford. His body was laid with his family at Orwell.

Hon. SILAS H. HODGES, for many years chairman of the Board of Examiners in the Patent office at Washington, died in that city a few months since, and his body was brought to Rutland for burial.

Mr. Hodges was born in Clarendon, Jan. 12, 1804; graduated at Middlebury in 1821; read law with William Page, Esq., of Rutland, and practiced law in that town from 1825 to 1832; studied theology at Auburn Theological Seminary and elsewhere for a year or two; was licensed to preach by Rutland Association and commenced his ministerial service in Ludlow, where he was ordained Oct. 7, 1835. He remained there for about two years, when he was dismissed and was installed as pastor of the church in Chester, Nov. 15, 1837, where he continued till Dec. 24, 1840. His father having died and the business of settling the estate seeming to require his whole time, he was dismissed from his pastorship and returned to Rutland to reside. After a year or two, when the business had been brought into such a shape that he could leave it, he preached a few times with some idea of re-settlement in the ministry, and his ability as a preacher would have commanded a good position; but a deafness which prevented him from hearing common conversation stood in the way, and his former business as attorney increased upon him so that as a result he settled down to the practice of his old profession. Yet he was always ready for Christian work in his own and in neighboring towns. In 1856 the Fairbanks legacy came into the hands of the General Convention,

or of trustees who were to be appointed by the Convention. It was a new thing for that body to have anything to do with the care of funds. Legal advice was needed and sought for by the Register before the subject was brought before the Convention. Mr. Hodges entered into the matter heartily. His own name was never heard much in connection with it, but his advice was carefully followed; and the "Rules" adopted by the Convention for the creation of the Boards of Trust to which the funds were to be committed, and for the guidance of the Boards, both as to the proper care of the funds and the use to be made of the income, were from his pen. He was also made one of the members of the Education Board thus formed, in which he took great interest and did good service as long as he remained in Rutland.

From 1845 to 1850 Mr. Hodges was Auditor of Accounts for the State of Vermont. In 1852 he was appointed Commissioner of Patents. His duties required him to spend most of his time in Washington, and his health soon became such that he could not endure the Vermont winters. That city therefore soon became his home, and through successive administrations he retained his connection with the duties of the general Patent Office till his death. In Washington as in Vermont he was a laborer for Christ, wise in planning and efficient in working; a recognized helper in the establishment of the Congregational church there, of which he was one of the deacons.

Rev. EDWARD WILLIAM HOOKER, D. D., was born in Goshen, Conn., Nov. 24, 1794. He was fitted for college at Goshen Academy and Addison County Grammar School; graduated at Middlebury College in 1814; studied theology at Andover 1814–18; was pastor of the Congregational church in Green's Farms, Fairfield, Conn., 1821–29; associate general agent of the American Temperance Society and editor of the *Journal of Humanity*, 1829–31; pastor of the first church in Bennington, Vt., 1832–44; professor of Sacred Rhetoric and Ecclesiastical History in the Theological Institute of Connecticut, at East Windsor, 1844–48; pastor of the Congregational church, South Windsor, Conn., 1848–; pastor in Fair Haven, 1856–62, and afterward chiefly resided with his son, the Rev. E. C. Hooker, at Newburyport, Mass., at Nashua, N. H., and Stockbridge, Mass. He was a corporate member of the American Board of Commissioners for Foriegn Missions and was present at its last annual meeting. He wrote the *Memoirs of Mrs. Sarah Lanman Smith*, his missionary sister-in-law, which had much influence at the time in arousing a missionary spirit at Andover and Mt. Holyoke. He also wrote the *Life of the Rev. Thomas Hooker;* published several sermons and pamphlets; contributed

to the periodical press — with considerable frequency to the *Vermont Chronicle.*

He was thrice married. By his first wife, Faith Trumbull Huntington, he had two sons and four daughters. Of his family four children survive:—the Rev. Edward Trumbull Hooker; Mary Lanman, wife of the Rev. Anson Clark; Faith Huntington, wife of the Rev. E. I. Montague, and Miss Sarah Huntington Hooker. The other son, the Rev. Elias Cornelius Hooker, born in Bennington and licensed by the Congregational Association of Rutland county, died while pastor in Stockbridge, Mass., Dec. 5, 1873. He brought superior qualities of mind and heart to his profession. A loving but carefully composed and just "Memorial" of him occupied the father during the past winter and probably seriously tested his already waning physical strength. In this memorial Dr. Hooker notices the fact that the genealogical lines of the son are traced back, not only through Jonathan Edwards the elder to "Thomas Hooker," but also "through the families of the Huntingons and Trumbulls of Connecticut to the Puritan father, John Robinson." He also states that in the lines of these "ancestors there have been—so far as ascertained—over fifty ministers of the gospel. Of the female descendants in these ancestral lines fifty or more have been the wives of the ministers of other families."

Dr. Hooker's life was marked by conscientiousness and sincerity. He was circumspect; thoughtful of the rights and happiness of others; scrupulously neat in his attire; refined in his tastes. He excelled in music, particularly on the flute. He was devoted in his domestic and social affections and steadfast in his friendships. In doctrine he sympathized with the more conservative of the New England ministry, and was sensitive to what he regarded as theological innovations of evil tendency. His style of composition was racy and vigorous. His ministry, at least in some portions of it, was blessed with large fruits in the conversion of souls. In 1834 there were ninety added to the church in Bennington by profession and letter, he being the pastor.

He died March 31, 1875, at Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin, in the home of his daughter and son-in-law, Rev. and Mrs. E. I. Montague, soothed by every possible office of thoughtful and tender affection. A beautiful Christian death! becoming one in whose veins flowed the best blood of the Puritans and whose life brought no dishonor upon so illustrious an heritage.

Rev. HARVEY FREEGRACE LEAVITT died at Grinnell, Iowa, Nov. 11, 1874, in his 78th year. He was born at Hartford, Vt., Dec. 1, 1796. His parents were Freegrace and Jerusha (Loomis) Leavitt, both natives of Suffield, Conn., who after the revolutionary

war removed first to Hanover, N. H., and subsequently to Hartford.

He prepared for college at Royalton Academy and at Moore's Charity School, Hanover, and at Royalton first became hopefully pious.

In 1812 he entered Dartmouth College, where he remained three years, and then, on account of the bitter political controversy involving the college, he transferred his connection to Yale, where he was graduated in 1816.

After graduation he pursued the study of law in the office of Reeves & Gould, at Litchfield, Conn., about one year, completing his studies with Shipherd & Parker, at Granville, N. Y., and was admitted to the bar of the Supreme Court of New York, at Albany, Jan. 9, 1820. He immediately formed a desirable co-partnership with the Hon. Henry Walton of Saratoga Springs, which continued for six years with increasing success. At Saratoga he first made a profession of religion, uniting with the Presbyterian church, in which he also became an elder and the superintendent of the Sabbath school. He developed rare gifts and zeal in methods of Christian activity, and thus began his practical study of theology. In 1826 his business partnership was dissolved and he removed to his native town, Hartford, continuing there his law practice in connection with farming until the summer of 1829. His activity in Christian labor was also continued in the Sabbath school and in conference meetings, established and sustained at White River Village chiefly by himself.

Here occurred the crisis in his mind which induced a change from his chosen profession to that of the ministry. The struggle was severe, but he seemed unmistakably to be called to more direct service for the Master; and at length, against the counsel of friends and the motives of personal ambition, he deliberately decided to abandon his professional acquisitions and prospects that he might preach the Gospel. His purpose was to go immediately to Andover, but by the advice of Rev. Samuel Goddard and others he was persuaded to apply to the Windsor Association for license, which was granted at once, and in January, 1830, he commenced labor as stated supply of the church in Strafford, Vt., at which place he was also ordained as an evangelist, 29th June following. This church had been organized ten years previously, but was small and feeble and had never been able to support a permanent ministry. Mr. Leavitt remained upwards of six years, receiving a salary of from $235 to $350, $100 of which was regularly from the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society. During this period, amidst an unparalleled opposition, the little church was nearly quadrupled in membership; a meeting house was erected, and also a parsonage, in which work the sympathy and

aid of neighboring churches was secured to the amount of nearly $1,000 by Mr. Leavitt's own efforts. Alluding in later years to this, his first ministerial experience, he was accustomed to say, "It is a green spot in my life."

In May, 1836, by invitation from the Congregational church in Vergennes, he visited that place, spending several weeks. It was in the midst of a powerful awakening consequent upon a "protracted meeting" of twenty-two days held just before, under the direction of Rev. Jedediah Burchard. Mr. Leavitt entered into the spirit of the work, and a unanimous call of the church to settle with them followed his visit. This call, however, he was constrained at first to decline on account of the reluctance of the church in Strafford; but it being subsequently renewed, their acquiescence was obtained through a Council, and he accepted. He removed to Vergennes in July, and Aug. 31, 1836, was installed pastor of that church, the Rev. Thomas A. Merrill, D. D., of Middlebury, preaching the sermon. During his pastorate here of nearly twenty-four years the church became strong and influential, and for several years was the second in membership in the county. For over twelve years no communion season passed without some additions, and during the whole period there was a total of 347 additions and 276 baptisms. Besides the revival in progress at the time of his settlement there were other seasons of special interest in 1837, 39, 40, 43, 50 and '56.

March 19, 1860, he was dismissed by advice of Council, at his own request; and at that time only two pastorates in the State antedated his own. He immediately removed to Middlebury, where in 1861 he assumed the charge of the Female Seminary, his wife becoming the Principal. There he continued six years, with pupils numbering from 70 to 740, and witnessing no less than three seasons of religious interest in the school.

In connection with the general superintendence of the Seminary Mr. Leavitt supplied various vacant churches in the vicinity, among which was the church in Bridport, 1865–6. In 1867, on account of the failure of the health of Mrs. Leavitt, her position in the Seminary was relinquished, and by invitation of the church in Ferrisburgh he removed to that place for a temporary period of home missionary labor. His labors here were signally successful. The church was freed from its former embarrassing union with other denominations; erected a meeting house of its own, and enjoyed a season of revival, in which its membership was nearly doubled and its pecuniary strength greatly increased. After about two and one-half years in this field he removed again to Middlebury, relinquishing all purpose of further regular ministerial labor. He, however, occasionally supplied vacant pulpits, and

especially the church in Whiting a part of the time for a considerable period.

Early in 1873, by the death of Mrs. Leavitt, his home was broken up, and a few months later he left his native State, the scene of his life's attachment and labors, for the West. At Grinnell, Iowa, he was cordially received by the ministers and churches; was again married, and soon passed to his reward. He died Nov. 11, 1874, of pneumonia, induced by exposure in fulfilling a preaching appointment, and his remains were brought to Vergennes for burial, where on the succeeding Sabbath a memorial discourse was preached by Rev. E. P. Hooker of Middlebury.

Mr. Leavitt was married Feb. 6, 1821, to Miss Minerva Scott Shipherd, daughter of the Hon. Zebulon R. Shipherd of Granville, N. Y., a lady of rare culture and devoted piety, whose influence undoubtedly was a formative element in his early ministerial career. She died at Vergennes, Oct. 10, 1843. Aug. 12, 1845, he was married to Mrs. Nancy Miranda Miner, daughter of John and Lavinia Pratt of Montpelier, and widow of the Rev. Lamson Miner. She was a person of great excellence of heart and Christian spirit, and a most efficient and helpful companion for nearly twenty-seven years. She died at Middlebury March 20, 1873. He was again married Nov. 20, 1873, at Grinnell, Iowa, to Mrs. Elizabeth L. Chatterton, who survives him.

He had three children; two by his first and one by his second marriage, all of whom died in early life.

Physically, Mr. Leavitt was a man of an unusual amount of vitality and of uniform and vigorous health: intellectually, he was possessed of good natural gifts, which were kept bright by constant use. Socially, he was always vivacious and cheerful, warm-hearted, hospitable and generous; possessing a fine flow of spirits and a personal magnetism which was always attractive. He was not ordinarily a profound sermonizer, but yet a very effective preacher. He was always himself moved by his theme and expected others to be moved also. He was a man of great positiveness and energy; aggressive; courageous; enthusiastic; impulsive, sometimes even to a fault, but well-balanced by a deep Christian experience. He was a lover of revivals, and especially devout in all religious services.

Probably no man for more than a third of a century was better known among the ministers of the State or filled a larger place in the confidence of the churches than he. His legal training made him a valuable adviser in the management of pecuniary and benevolent trusts. He was Corresponding Secretary of the General Convention from the institution of the office in 1845 to 1852; for many years was one of the Directors of the Vermont Domestic

Missionary Society, and upon the creation of the Fairbanks Board for the relief of disabled and needy clergymen, in 1856, to his removal from the state in 1873, was annually chosen a member of the Board, and was its chairman for many years. By a legacy and contributions from a few of the churches, secured through his efforts, there was also formed the nucleus of a permanent fund for the relief of orphans and widows of deceased ministers of the State.

In 1839 he was chosen a member of the corporation of Middlebury College, and for thirty-five years was almost uniformly present at its meetings and active in all its interests.

He received the honorary degree of A. M. from Williams College in 1820 and from Middlebury in 1837.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT.

Number of schools reported	110 out of 197
Number of full and accurate reports	53
(or a little less than half of those reported.)	
Whole number of pupils in 110 schools	14,153
Whole number of officers and teachers in 110 schools	1,531
Total membership as above	15,684
Average attendance	8,092
(or a fraction above one-half.)	
Contributions in 54 schools	$2,773.02
School expenses in 53 schools	2,436.43
Total expenditures and contributions	$5,209.45
Hopeful conversions in 74 schools	1,336
(of which in Caledonia county 460; Windsor county 339; Orleans county 112; Orange county 110.)	
Professed religion from the members of 87 schools	789
Church members in 74 schools	4,469
Pupils between the ages of 15 and 25 years (57 schools)	2,540

Orwell, Enosburgh and Westford report the highest proportion of the congregation in the Sunday school and are so nearly alike that we do not specify, especially as the figures were not all of them based on actual count of congregation and actual record of the school, but the proportion was very nearly nine-tenths of the congregation. Coventry, Corinth, Grafton, Winooski and Woodstock stand the lowest, the proportion being only one-third of the congregation. All others range between, and the average is not far from five-eighths of the morning audiences.

Teachers' meetings are sustained weekly or occasionally in only 45 schools, we are sorry to say, but concerts are held in 69 schools and prayer meetings, by the whole school or by classes, in 20 schools.

Three schools hold their regular session in the forenoon, or in place of the usual morning service. 104 schools are held at noon or before 1 o'clock P. M., and three are held later in the afternoon, taking the place of the usual afternoon preaching service.

Ten pastors are also superintendents; 41 are also teachers; 4 are spare teachers; 10 lead teachers' meetings and attend the ses-

sion as general advisers and helpers; 65 in all the schools reported are directly connected with the schools.

With one preaching service and a good hour and a half for Sunday school and an evening social meeting in which the people should take part, we believe the whole people would know more about the Bible and more pastoral care.

42	schools	use	the	Chicago	series	of	lessons.
5	"	"	"	St. Louis	"	"	"
15	"	"	"	Pilgrims'	"	"	"
3	"	"	"	Berean	"	"	"
16	"	"	"	various	"	"	"

The Secretary asked each superintendent, "What series of lessons do you prefer?" The answer is simply stating what they use, with one exception, where the superintendent replies to the above question "The ones we don't have." This, probably, would tell the truth as a generic answer, for are we not all inclined to be discontented with what we have? But we would suggest to our workers to provide themselves with a variety of lesson leaves for use before the session of school, especially at the teachers' meeting, and then let them all merge into one in manuscript, which shall be each teacher's own, and shall combine all the excellencies that have been found in or suggested by all that have been consulted. One other suggestion we venture to make, viz: A Union Teachers' Meeting, combining all the workers in the various denominational schools would be, if brotherly love prevailed, a blessing to all our smaller villages. Let the pastors, and as many of the officers and teachers as can be induced to do so and are qualified, or will take pains to qualify themselves, lead such a meeting in turn.

Finally, let the pastors make such use of this report and lay such emphasis on its incompleteness as shall ensure a full and accurate one next year in good time, and note the resolutions passed by the Convention, especially the one recommending the "Tomlinson" system of keeping Sunday-school records. A table will be found below for ready reference.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

P. B. FISK,
Secretary of Sunday Schools.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

CONFERENCES.	No. of Schools that should have been reported.	No. of Schools as reported.	Pupils.	Officers & Teachers.	Total Membership.	Average Attend'ce.	Branch or Mission Schools.	Benevolence.	School Expenses.	Total Receipts.	Conversions.	United with Ch.	Pupils between 15 and 25.	Ch. Membership in School.
Addison	14	7	1236	123	1389	677	0	$197.88	$129.98	$310.86	40	37	316	506
Bennington	11	7	961	108	1069	668	3	367.09	386.77	753.86	17	23	158	247
Caledonia	14	10	1847	181	2018	1084	Union 1	554.70	106.29	660.99	460	178	499	634
Chittenden	18	10	1163	136	1299	631	2	530.00	120.00	650.00	52	54	118	410
Essex	3	2	159	14	173	81	0	41.00	0	41.00	4	3	57	66
Franklin and Grand Isle	13	7	826	104	930	440	0	97.00	327.20	424.20	94	77	90	170
Lamoille	8	1	173	.....	178	96	0	17.00	30.00	47.00	6	0	40	57
Orange	20	11	1363	148	1441	822	2	208.83	62.64	236.47	110	82	267	533
Orleans	18	12	1424	156	1580	757	1	124.96	227.44	352.40	112	90	104	295
Rutland	17	6	746	87	833	314	0	180.73	195.09	375.73	27	21	73	155
Washington	13	6	658	84	742	416	0	8.00	457.00	465.00	91	51	35	65
Windham	23	15	1531	178	1709	909	0	252.11	211.56	463.67	99	66	355	700
Windsor	25	16	2046	212	2258	1207	0	193.72	217.55	411.27	239	107	442	606
13	197	110	14,153	1,531	15,684	8,092	9	$2,778.02	$2,461.03	$5,209.75	1,351	789	2540	4469

NOTE.—This report is only partial, not all the schools having responded to the Secretary's inquiries.

MINISTERIAL RECORD.

INSTALLATIONS.

1874.	July	29.	Henry Cummings	Strafford.
	Sept.	10.	Lewis W. Hicks	Woodstock.
	Sept.	22.	Austin Dodge	Barton.
	Oct.	1.	Nathan F. Carter	Bellows Falls.
	Oct.	20.	Daniel W. Hardy	Stowe.
	Nov.	12.	T. M. May	Quechee.
1875.	Jan.	29.	Perrin B. Fisk	Springfield.

ORDINATIONS.

1874.	Sept.	10.	Lewis W. Hicks	Woodstock.
	Oct.	20.	Daniel W. Hardy	Stowe.

DISMISSIONS.

1874.	July	8.	Henry C. Weston	North Bennington
	Sept.	7.	E. F. Wright	Danby.
	Sept.	9.	William S. Palmer	Wells River.
	Oct.	29.	Edward P. Wild	Craftsbury.
1875.	Feb.	1.	Joseph Torrey	East Hardwick.
	Feb.	23.	H. J. Colwell	Randolph.
	Ma'h	12.	Robert Samuel	Weston.

STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES.

THE STATISTICAL YEAR ENDS THE FIRST SABBATH IN MAY.

1. ADDISON CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. E. P. HOOKER.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Stat. Sup.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min. Comm'ced.	Church Members. Male.	Female.	Total.	Absent.	Admitted. Prof.	Letter	Total.	Removed. Death.	Dism'd.	Excl.	Total.	Bapt'ms Adults.	Infant.	Sabbath Schools.	Average Congreg.	Benev'nt Contrib.	Estima'd Value of Church Property.
Addison	Nov. 24, 1801	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	2	2	4	....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	$500
Bridport	1790	W. W. Winchester.	P.	Mar. 23, 1854	1867	59	118	177	51	0	1	1	6	2	0	8	0	0	235	200	$297 50	12,000
Bristol	July 8, 1805	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	23	24	47	7	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	3,000
Cornwall	July 15, 1785	S. W. Magill.	P.	1837	1867	54	101	155	31	3	0	3	3	1	0	4	3	0	270	150	329 40	8,000
Ferrisburgh	Jan. 25, 1824	Henry Smith.	A. P.	.....	1874	17	31	48	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	50	.....	8,000
Middlebury	Sept. 5, 1790	E. P. Hooker.	P.	Nov. 13, 1861	1870	144	268	412	78	28	8	36	8	6	0	14	14	5	275	304	1083 48	22,000
New Haven	1800	Stephen Knowlton.	P.	Nov. 2, 1865	1872	86	161	247	50	7	2	9	3	5	0	8	7	0	250	200	557 60	14,000
Orwell	1787	M. L. Severance.	P.	Feb. 17, 1864	1869	80	110	190	30	1	5	6	4	1	0	5	1	6	228	150	329 00	14,000
Ripton	Nov. 6, 1828	Cephas H. Kent.	P.	Oct. 22, 1828	1861	26	34	60	24	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	45	32	85 24	2,500
Salisbury	Feb. 8, 1804	Ezra Brainard.	A. P.	.....	1875	15	44	59	29	1	0	1	4	1	0	5	0	0	74	95	9 00	5,000
Shoreham	Mar. 26, 1794	W. N. Bacon.	P.	Dec. 1859	1864	28	73	101	12	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	70	125	105 00	8,000
Vergennes	Sept. 17, 1793	Wm. P. Aiken.	P.	Jan. 14, 1857	1873	70	140	210	30	24	0	24	1	3	0	4	8	0	100	163	200 00	20,000
Weybridge	June 20, 1794	H. D. Kitchell.	A. P.	Feb. 20, 1839	1867	25	44	69	10	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	64	60	150 00	6,000
Whiting	Dec. 28, 1809	J. L. Slason.	A P.	.....	1875	4	10	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	50	.....	3,000
14		8 Pastors, 4 A. P.				633	1160	1763	362	65	16	81	34	19	0	53	33	14	1676	1579	$3,146 22	$125,000

Ministers without charge—Eben Smith, William S. Blaisdell, A. S. Barton, Middlebury; Stillman Morgan, Bristol.

Deceased—H. F. Leavitt, at Grinnell, Iowa, Nov. 11, 1874.

Licentiates—Prof. Solon Albee, —— Evans, Middlebury.

Register of Conference—Rev. E. P. Hooker.

Time of meeting of Conference—The third Tuesday of December.

2. BENNINGTON CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. P. S. PRATT.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Stated Sup.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min. Comm'ced.	Church Members.				Admitted.			Removed.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath School.	Average Congreg.	Benev. Contrib.	Estima'd Value of Church Property.
						Male.	Female.	Total.	Absent.	Prof.	Letter.	Total.	Deaths.	Dism'd.	Excl.	Total.	Adults.	Infants.				
Arlington E.....	Nov. 2, 1843	J. Clinton McCollom	A. P.	Mar. 23, 1869	1873	11	39	50	2	9	3	12	0	1	0	1	4	2	100	144	$42 00	$6,000
Bennington 1st..	Dec. 3, 1762	Isaac Jennings.	P.	June 14, 1843	1853	53	117	170	50	0	1	1	1	4	0	5	1		95	....	613 40	25,000
Bennington 2d..	Apr. 27, 1836	Calvin B. Hulbert.	P.	Oct. 20, 1859	1872	50	129	179	33	4	6	10	0	8	0	8	6	2	190	350	464 17	60,000
Bennington No.	May 21, 1868	L. C. Partridge.	A. P.	May 6, 1869	1875	19	30	49	7	3	1	4	1	2	0	3	2	1	95	100	28 00	15,000
Dorset.....	Sept. 22, 1784	Parsons S. Pratt.	P.	Sept. 29, 1847	1856	31	76	107	8	3	1	4	5	0	0	5	1	0	120	150	239 39	7,000
Dorset E.....	Oct. 1, 1867	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	1	4	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	50	.....	.....
Manchester.....	Sept. 22, 1784	R. S. Cushman, D.D.	P.	Dec. 1843	1862	73	119	192	15	3	0	3	2	6	0	8	1	3	176	225	391 76	25,000
Peru.....	Dec. 22, 1807	S. H. Amsden.	A. P.	June 12, 1856	1873	55	61	116	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	250	175	56 20	3,500
Pownal North...	May 21, 1851	J. L. Cook, (Meth.)	A. P.	1848	1868	4	12	16	7	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	70	75	3 00	3,000
Rupert.....	June 6, 1786	A. B. Lambert D.D.	A. P.	Nov. 2, 1837	1874	21	36	57	8	1	0	1	1	3	0	4	1	0	100	125	152 77	7,000
Sandgate.....	Jan. 17, 1782	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	4	6	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.....	800
11		4 Pastors, 5 A. P.				322	629	951	144	23	12	35	11	24	0	35	17	13	1236	1394	$1990 69	$152,300

Ministers without charge—James Anderson, J. D. Wickham, D. D., Manchester; C. H. Hubbard, Bennington.

Dismissed—H. C. Weston from North Bennington, July 6, 1874.

Register of Conference—P. S. Pratt.

Time of meeting of Conference—Second Tuesday of June.

3. CALEDONIA CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. C. W. THOMPSON.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Stated Sup.	ORDAINED	Pres. Min. Commenced	Church Members.				Admitted.			Removed.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath School.	Average Congreg'n	Benev. Contr'n	Estima'd Value of Church Property.
						Male.	Female.	Total.	Absent.	Prof.	Letter.	Total.	Deaths.	Dism.	Excl.	Total.	Adult	Infant				
Barnet	Sept. 14, 1858	N. R. Nichols.	P.	Feb. 1, 1872	1873	24	75	99	24	4	4	8	0	9	0	9	1	5	150	113	$297.73	$5,000
Burke	Feb. 28, 1807	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	19	31	50	6	0	0	0	2	2	0	4	0	0	..	..	.....	3,000
Cabot	Oct. 25, 1801	B. S. Adams.	P.	Nov. 22, 1871	1871	46	88	134	30	2	0	2	2	2	0	4	1	0	85	120	76 00	5,700
Danville	Aug. 17, 1782	C. W. Thompson.	P.	July 1, 1869	1869	30	57	87	12	1	0	1	3	0	0	3	1	0	132	135	142.00	6,000
Hardwick	July 29, 1803	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	54	90	144	27	1	0	1	3	5	0	8	0	3	100	78	255.00	3,500
Lyndon	Nov. 30, 1817	J. S. Whitman.	A. P.	Sept. 4, 1861	1871	23	74	97	29	14	5	19	1	2	0	3	0	0	90	115	49.45	2,700
Lyndonville	Dec 6, 1870	J. S. Whitman.	A. P.	Sept. 4, 1861	1871	29	70	99	22	10	7	17	1	16	0	17	4	1	210	138	.....	10,000
McIndoes Falls	Oct. 22, 1829	J. L. Litch.	A. P.	April 7, 1867	1875	18	72	90	19	15	7	22	0	9	0	9	11	2	150	147	42.00	6,000
Peacham	Apr. 14, 1792	A. W. Wild.	P.	Oct. 26, 1864	1874	56	136	192	39	2	6	8	4	8	0	12	1	0	142	262	481.56	10,000
St. Johnsbury 1.	Nov. 21, 1809	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	18	40	58	15	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	65	70	.....	5,000
St. Johnsbury 2.	Apr. 7, 1825	C. M. Southgate.	P.	Dec. 15 1870	1870	120	256	376	106	73	13	86	6	11	0	17	37	17	351	325	3858.61	15,000
St. Johnsbury 3.	Nov. 25, 1840	J. P. Humphrey.	P.	Feb. 3, 1847	1868	44	69	113	30	0	0	0	2	3	1	6	0	0	130	100	228.00	7,000
St. Johnsb'ry So.	Oct. 23, 1851	E. T. Fairbanks.	P.	Jan'y 1, 1868	1874	115	185	300	39	80	14	94	3	4	0	7	40	5	444	310	2016 00	15.000
Waterford	May 30, 1798	M. H. Wells.	P.	Nov. 19, 1845	1871	45	62	107	41	0	4	4	2	1	0	3	0	2	90	83	102.83	5,700
14		8 Pastors, 2 A. P.				641	1305	1946	419	202	64	266	30	72	1	103	109	40	2139	1998	12,572.18	$99,600

Ministers without charge—M. B. Bradford, McIndoes; W. W. Thayer, Henry Fairbanks, H. T. Fuller, St. Johnsbury; Joseph Underwood, East Hardwick.

Dismissed—Joseph Torrey from church in East Hardwick, Feb. 1, 1875.

Register of Conference—Rev. C. W. Thompson. *Time of meeting of Conference*—Second Tuesday of June.

4. CHITTENDEN CONFERENCE.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Stated Sup.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min. Commenced	Church Members. Males.	Fem.	Total.	Absent.	Admitted. Prof.	Letter.	Total.	Removed. Deaths.	Dism'd.	Excl.	Total.	Bapt'ms Adult	Infant	Sabbath School.	Average Congreg'n.	Benev. Contr'n.	Estimat'd Value of Church Property.
Burlington 1st..	Feb. 25. 1805	Lewis O. Brastow...	P.	Jan'y 9, 1861	1873	160	206	366	100	7	6	13	3	6	..	9	2	4	275	460	$900 00	$60,000
Burlington 3d...	Nov. 4, 1860	George B. Safford...	P.	Sept. 2, 1858	1860	45	83	128	24	2	14	16	2	5	..	7	1	....	134	250	711.58	50,000
Charlotte.....	Jan'y 3, 1792	C. C. Torrey.	P.	Sept. 7, 1855	1871	43	73	115	5	2	6	8	2	1	..	3	....	....	100	150	90.00	20,000
Colchester.....	1804	Charles M. Seaton.	A. P.	Sept. 23, 1837	1869	8	52	60	12	0	0	0	0	1	..	1	....	1	65	72	47.00	4,500
Essex	Oct'r 3, 1791	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	31	67	98	26	9	7	16	3	2	..	5	4	....	90	75	.....	.....
Essex Junction.	June 29, 1869	Charles M. Seaton.	A. P.	.....	....	21	47	68	13	22	0	22	1	2	..	3	3	1	230	106	.....	10,000
Hinesburgh.....	May 20, 1789	C. E. Ferrin.	P.	Dec. 10, 1851	1855	27	71	98	39	2	3	5	0	2	..	2	2	....	70	....	61.41	5 000
Jericho 1st.....	Mar. 31, 1791	Austin Hazen.	A. P.	Mar. 29, 1860	1864	24	49	73	16	0	0	0	0	4	..	4	....	....	180	104	.....	.....
Jericho Corners	Aug. 31, 1826	Prof. J. E. Goodrich	A. P.	May 17, 1864	1874	11	25	36	0	5	20	25	3	0	..	....	2	....	100	80	.....	.....
Milton	Sept. 21, 1804	J. H. Woodward.	A. P.	1838	1869	18	39	57	2	4	1	5	3	3	..	6	3	2	122	100	95.00	15,000
Milton West....	Feb. 28, 1853	J. H. Woodward.	A. P.	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....
Richmond	Sept. 21, 1801	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....
South Hero.....	1795	O. G. Wheeler.	P.	Nov. 5. 1840	1840	23	55	78	14	2	0	2	2	3	..	5	2	....	60	75	.....	6,000
Underhill.....	Dec. 27, 1801	Austin Hazen.	.....	.....	....	25	35	60	28	0	0	0	1	2	..	3	....	....	65	75	32.75	2,500
Underhill North	Dec. 19, 1839	Austin Hazen.	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....
Westford	Aug. 7, 1801	George P. Byington.	A. P.	1868	1870	27	56	83	12	11	1	12	2	4	1	7	8	....	180	130	160.00	9,000
Williston.....	Jan. 23, 1813	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	21	54	75	12	2	0	2	0	5	..	0	1	....	30	60	126 00	8,000
Winooski.....	Nov. 9, 1836	Edwin Wheelock.	A. P.	Jan'ary, 1856	1872	12	45	57	2	3	4	7	1	2	..	6	3	3	75	125	.....	15,000
18		5 Pastors, 6 A. P.				496	957	1452	306	71	62	133	23	40	1	64	29	11	1776	1802	$2,423.74	$205,000

Ministers without charge—James Buckham, J. K. Converse, H. P. Hickok, D. Goodhue, J. C. Wilder, A. J. Willard, J. C. Houghton, H. A. P. Torrey, J. H. Worcester, D. D.

Deceased—Rev. Archibald Fleming. *Licentiate*—M. H. Buckham. *Register of Conference*—G. B. Safford.

Time of meeting of Conference—Second Tuesday in June.

ESSEX CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. S. R. HALL.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Stat. Sup.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min. Comm'ced.	Church Members.				Admitted.			Removed.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath Schools.	Average Congreg.	Benev'nt Contrib.	Estima'd Value of Church Property.
						Male.	Female.	Total.	Absent.	Prof.	Letter.	Total.	Deaths.	Dism'd.	Excl.	Total.	Adult	Infant				
Granby & Vict'y	Jan'y 8, 1825	Charles Duren.	A. P.	.....	1874	27	38	65	9	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	....	....	....	....	.....	$850
Guildhall.....	April 1, 1799	Vacant.	.....	.....		18	41	59	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	....	....	....	....	.....	2,500
Lunenburgh....	Dec. 27, 1872	R. F. Grant.	A. P.	.....	1874	32	58	90	20	0	0	0	6	4	0	10	....	....	118	80	.....	3,700
3		2 A. P.				77	137	214	49	3	0	3	6	4	0	10			118	80		$7,050

Minister without charge—Jeremiah Glines, Lunenburgh.

Time of meeting of Conference—Second Tuesday in June.

6. FRANKLIN AND GRAND ISLE CONFERENCE. Reported by A. B SWIFT.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Stated Sup.	ORDAINED.	Pres Min. Commenced.	Church Members. Male.	Female.	Total.	Absent.	Admitted. Prof.	Letter.	Total.	Removed. Deaths.	Dism'd.	Excl.	Total.	Bapt'ms Adult	Infant	Sabbath School.	Average Congrega.	Benev. Contrib.	Estima'd Value of Church Property
Alburgh	Feb. 18, 1824	D. T. Taylor.	A. P.	.....	1874	14	53	67	34	7	1	8	2	..	..	2	3	..	19	90	$20.45	$5,000
Bakersfield	July 3, 1811	Richard Hicks.	A. P.	June 7, 1867	1872	32	70	102	35	1	1	2	2	0	0	2	0	1	75	70	22.00	7,000
East Berkshire	July 15, 1820	E. W. Hatch.	P.	Sept. 25, 1866	1866	20	33	53	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	90	80	33.70	2,500
Enosburgh	Oct. 11, 1811	A. B. Swift.	A. P.	Jan'y 7, 1855	1861	61	78	139	32	5	1	6	2	..	..	2	..	5	150	90	359.77	10,000
Fairfield	Sept 22, 1800	Vacant.	.....	.....	...	9	16	25	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	...	40	21.00	2,000
Franklin	Oct. 9, 1806	Joseph R. Munsell.	A. P.	1832	1868	12	23	35	..	0	..	..	1	1	..	2	..	..	65	85	.....	.....
Georgia	Nov. 7, 1793	C. B. Cady.	A. P.	1838	1873	27	56	83	21	8	4	12	6	2	..	8	5	..	60	75	77.22	2,500
Highgate	Oct 28, 1811	James P. Stone.	A. P.	Oct. 16, 1839	1872	16	39	55	15	12	4	16	1	4	..	5	7	..	100	80	20.00	3,000
Montgomery	July 15, 1817	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	18	25	43	7	..	1	1	2	..	..	2	..	..	63	40	18.00	.....
Sheldon	August, 1816	.....	.....	.....	....	19	30	49	13	4	..	4	..	1	..	1	..	3	40	50	40.00	3,000
St. Albans 1st	Jan'y 2, 1813	Charles Van Norden	P.	Dec. 19, 1866	1873	122	205	327	25	47	7	54	4	9	..	13	21	6	280	300	2,000.00	30,000
St. Albans 2d	May 26, 1841	.....	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	...	...	.....	.....
Swanton	Jan'y 4, 1801	E. J. Ranslow.	A. P.	June, 1869	1869	62	114	176	21	39	1	40	..	3	..	3	26	2	180	160	331.00	16,000
13		2 Pastors, 7 A. P.				422	742	1154	214	123	20	143	20	20	0	40	61	18	1122	1160	$2943.14	$79,000

Ministers without charge—L. S. French, Franklin; A. J. Sampson, St. Albans; Sewall Paine, Montgomery Centre.

Register of Conference—Rev. E. J. Ranslow, Swanton. *Time of meeting of Conference*—First Wednesday in June.

7. LAMOILLE CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. V. M. HARDY.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Stat. Sup.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min. Comm'ced.	Church Members.				Admitted.			Removed.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath Schools.	Average Congreg.	Benev'nt Contrib.	Estima'd Value of Church Property.
						Male.	Female.	Total.	Absent.	Prof.	Letter.	Total.	Deaths.	Dism'd.	Excl.	Total.	Adult	Infant				
Cambridge.....	Feb. 18, 1792	L. S. Gates.	.....	.....	....	15	18	33	6	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	$90.00	$2,000
Hyde Park.....	March, 1863	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	5	16	19	3	....	....	....	..	..	..	....	....	....	....	....	.....	500
No. Hyde Park.	.....	Vacant.	.....	No report	....	..	..	..	....	....	....	....	..	..	..	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....
Johnson.....	Sept. 22, 1817	G. H. French.	P.	Nov. 8, 1871	1871	43	86	129	28	0	2	2	1	0	0	1	0	7	160	150	85.72	6,000
Morrisville.....	Oct'ber, 1807	V. M. Hardy.	P.	Jan. 31, 1872	1870	30	62	92	10	2	5	7	3	5	0	8	2	1	173	144	52.90	6,000
Watervillle.....	Feb 25, 1823	R. Hicks.	A. P.	.....	1873	7	23	30	....	....	....	....	..	..	..	....	....	....	60	100	.....	.....
Wolcott.....	.....	Vacant.	.....	No report.	....	..	..	..	....	....	....	....	..	..	..	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....
Stowe.....	Nov. 21, 1818	Daniel W. Hardy.	P.	Oct. 20, 1874	1874	26	61	87	20	1	3	4	0	3	1	4	1	0	125	100	223.00	4,000
8		3 Pastors, 1 A. P.				126	264	390	67	5	10	15	4	8	1	13	5	8	538	494	$4 51.62	$18,500

Ministers without charge—Rev. Dr. Dougherty, Johnson.

Ordained and Installed—Daniel Warren Hardy, pastor over the church in Stowe, October 20, 1874.

Licentiates—L. S. Gates, Cambridge.

Register of Conference—James Dougherty, D. D. *Time of meeting of Conference*—Second Tuesday of June.

ORANGE CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. S. L. BATES.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Stated Sup.	ORDAINED.	Pres Min. Comm'ced.	Church Members. Male.	Female.	Total.	Absent.	Admitted. Prof.	Letter.	Total.	Removed. Deaths.	Dism'd.	Excl.	Total.	Bapt'ms Adult	Infant	Sabbath School.	Average Congreg.	Benev. Contrib.	Estima'd Value of Church Property
Bradford	June 24, 1810	L. H. Elliot.	A. P.	May 2, 1866	1873	34	126	160	24	17	2	19	5	10	1	16	14	3	179	164	$272.25	$4,000
Braintree	Dec. 25, 1794	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	14	16	30	13	....	....	....	..	..	..	....	....	....	40	70	27.00	1,750
Braintree East	Oct. 24, 1871	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	17	40	57	8	3	...	3	1	1	..	2	3	....	92	75	25.00	.....
Brookfield 1st	Sept. 23, 1785	George B. Tolman.	A. P.	July 10, 1862	1871	31	58	89	11	1	...	1	2	..	1	3	....	2	115	90	89.80	3,800
Brookfield 2d	Nov. 16, 1848	William A. Bushee.	P.	Aug. 19, 1869	1868	37	64	101	7	2	1	3	2	3	..	5	2	2	151	120	122.97	3,500
Chelsea	Apr. 10, 1789	E. E. Herrick.	P.	Feb. 29, 1864	1870	65	119	184	20	10	3	13	3	1	..	4	9	3	125	150	190.00	8,000
Corinth	Oct. 10, 1820	C. M. Winch.	A. P.	June 29, 1853	1869	37	77	114	25	11	3	14	2	3	..	6	8	1	100	125	31.00	3,000
Fairlee	Feb. 28, 1833	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	15	31	46	9	....	....	....	1	..	..	1	....	....	75	100	.....	500
Fairlee West	Dec'r 6, 1809	Solon Martin.	A. P.	June 16, 1835	1873	22	39	61	16	....	....	....	2	5	..	7	....	1	30	60	38.50	1,000
Newbury	Sept'er, 1764	Samuel L. Bates.	P.	Mar. 23, 1864	1871	51	125	176	33	19	3	22	2	4	..	6	11	1	200	180	630.00	8,000
Newbury West	Feb'y, 1867	A. B. Lyon.	.....	1858	1875	18	30	48	10	....	....	....	1	..	..	1	....	1	120	75	50.00	500
Post Mills	Feb. 26, 1839	Josiah G. Willis.	A. P.	Licentiate.	1875	24	43	67	4	....	....	....	..	2	..	2	....	....	50	75	.....	1,000
Randolph	May 30, 1786	S. E. Root, (F. W. B.)	A. P.	June 18, 1861	1875	33	57	90	22	3	2	5	6	8	..	14	....	1	60	75	40.00	6,000
Randolph West	Oct. 21, 1831	S. W. Dike	P.	Feb'y 3, 1869	1868	47	108	155	40	14	8	22	3	6	..	9	9	1	160	125	149.77	12,000
Strafford	Nov'r, 1820	Henry Cummings.	P.	July 16, 1851	1874	15	37	52	3	3	6	14	..	..	..	....	4	1	71	75	52.00	2,500
Thetford	....	Charles F. Morse.	P.	Aug. 13, 1856	1875	76	129	205	43	19	2	21	2	4	..	6	6	....	160	125	311.49	6,000
Tunbridge	Feb'y 5, 1792	S. F. Lougee.	P.	Oct'er 2, 1873	1872	19	26	45	15	....	2	2	2	..	..	2	....	....	60	75	25.25	5,800
Vershire	July 14, 1787	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	14	32	46	9	....	....	....	..	..	..	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....
Wells River	June 13, 1842	John Rogers.	A. P.	June 10, 1861	1875	46	122	168	4	8	2	10	1	13	1	15	6	1	220	200	250.00	8,000
Williamstown	Aug. 13, 1795	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	19	45	64	8	0	1	1	3	2	0	5	....	....	60	100	.....	4,000
20		6 Pastors, 7 A. P.				629	1324	1953	334	115	35	150	39	62	3	104	72	18	2097	2059	$2,234.41	$79,050

Ministers without charge—Joseph Marsh, Thetford; Joseph Fuller, Vershire; Silas McKeen, D. D., Bradford; Isaac Hosford, North Thetford; William Clark, Newbury.

Installed—Henry Cummings, Strafford, July 29, 1874.

Dismissed—William S. Palmer, Wells River, Sept. 9, 1874; H. J. Colwell, Randolph, Feb. 23, 1875.

Licentiate—Josiah G. Willis. *Register of Conference*—L. H. Elliot.

Time of meeting of Conference First Tuesday in June.

9. ORLEANS CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. E. P. WILD.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Stated Sup.	ORDAINED	Pres. Min. Commenced	Church Members.				Admitted.			Removed.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath School.	Average Congreg'n	Benev. Contr'n	Estima'd Value of Church Property.
						Male.	Female.	Total.	Absent.	Prof.	Letter.	Total.	Deaths.	Dism.	Excl.	Total.	Adult	Infant				
Albany	Aug. 16, 1818	Albert Watson.	P.	June 27, 1871	1872	22	30	52	8	....	2	2	..	..	..	....	....	....	75	85	$20.00	$3,500
Barton	Sept. 24, 1817	Austin Dodge.	P.	Oct. 9, 1866	1874	30	74	104	22	11	...	11	1	1	..	2	11	2	140	200	150.00	15,000
Brighton	Oct. 5, 1841	E. S. Locke, (Meth.)	A. P.	.....	1875	7	14	21	5	3	...	3	..	..	..	....	3	1	35	100	.....	3,000
Brownington	Mar. 4, 1809	William P. Alcott.	A. P.	Feb. 18, 1868	1874	26	56	82	15	15	1	16	1	3	..	4	6	....	63	90	40.00	1,000
Charleston	May 14, 1844	William T. Herrick.	A. P.	May 28, 1851	1872	21	47	68	12	5	4	9	1	1	..	2	3	....	102	100	173.75	4,000
Coventry	Oct. 2, 1810	W. C. Somerville.	A. P.	Oct'ber, 1851	1874	42	72	114	11	....	2	2	3	1	..	4	....	1	140	....	.....	.....
Craftsbury	July 4, 1797	Joseph Boardman.	A. P.	Mar. 20, 1861	1875	46	87	133	20	1	...	1	1	6	..	7	....	4	140	110	182.00	4,500
Derby	Aug. 9, 1807	James Hay.	A. P.	1852	1873	31	58	89	17	....	...	....	5	..	..	5	....	....	120	130	75.00	4,000
Glover	July 12, 1817	S. K. B. Perkins.	P.	Jan. 11, 1860	1858	27	58	85	18	9	...	9	1	..	..	1	5	4	170	136	70.71	5,300
Greensboro	Nov. 24, 1804	John H. Thyng.	A. P.	Oct. 26, 1852	1875	29	42	71	5	....	...	....	1	13	..	14	....	....	130	....	.....	.....
Holland	Nov. 30, 1842	R. D. Metcalf.	Lic.	.....	1875	10	15	25	3	14	3	17	..	..	..	....	9	....	85	65	.....	.....
Irasburgh	Jan. 28, 1818	A. A. Smith.	A. P.	Feb. 11, 1864	1870	32	30	62	7	6	2	8	2	2	1	5	6	....	199	125	83.50	6,400
Lowell	Jan. 10, 1816	F. B. Phelps.	P.	Oct. 18, 1870	1870	23	34	57	9	....	3	3	1	2	..	3	....	1	110	85	48.60	3,000
Morgan	June 4, 1823	William T. Herrick.	A. P.	May 28, 1851	1875	6	15	21	4	....	....	....	1	..	..	1	....	....	50	75	.....	400
Newport	Feb. 23, 1831	Edward P. Wild.	A. P.	Oct. 11, 1865	1874	29	59	88	25	2	7	9	1	1	..	2	1	1	143	144	98.88	3,000
Troy	.....	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....
Troy North	Feb. 5, 1818	T. E. Ranney.	A. P.	May 1, 1844	1872	22	37	59	13	7	3	10	1	2	..	3	7	2	112	90	16.50	4,000
Westfield	Apr. 19, 1818	F. B. Phelps.	.....	Oct. 15, 1870	1875	14	29	43	10	....	....	....	2	1	..	3	....	....	50	45	16.75	1,000
18		4 Pastors, 9 A. P.				417	757	1174	204	73	27	100	22	33	1	56	51	16	1864	1580	$975.78	$58,100

Ministers without charge—Samuel R. Hall, LL.D., Brownington; Robert V. Hall, Newport; Jabez T. Howard, West Charleston; George Stone, North Troy.

Installed—Rev. Austin Dodge, Barton, Sept. 22, 1874.

Dismissed—Rev. E. P. Wild, Craftsbury, Oct. 29, 1874.

Licentiate—R. D. Metcalf. *Register of Conference*—Rev. E. P. Wild, Newport.

Time of meeting of Conference—Second Tuesday in June.

10. RUTLAND CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. R. T. HALL.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Stated Sup.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min. Commenced	Church Members. Males.	Fem.	Total.	Absent.	Admitted. Prof.	Letter.	Total.	Removed. Deaths.	Dism'd.	Excl.	Total.	Bapt'ms Adult	Infant	Sabbath School.	Average Congreg'n.	Benev. Contr'n.	Estimat'd Value of Church Property.
Benson	1790	Henry M. Holmes	P.	May 14, 1866	1869	53	103	156	30	....	1	1	2	2	..	4	....	....	70	150	$143.00	$15,000
Brandon	Sept. 28, 1785	Franklin Tuxbury	P.	July 15, 1857	1865	61	125	186	35	4	2	6	5	4	..	9	4	....	140	175	200.00	20,000
Castleton	1784	William L. Woodruff	.....	Licentiate	1874	49	104	153	44	3	6	9	..	8	..	8	2	....	120	140	100.66	12,000
Clarendon	Feb. 18, 1822	A. D. Barber	A. P.	1849	1875	19	39	58	5	1	1	2	4	7	..	11	....	1	138	80	12.48	6,500
Danby	Nov. 4, 1869	.....	.....	.....	....	5	16	21	5	....	....	....	1	3	..	4	....	2	35	60	.....	.....
Fair Haven	Jan'y 2, 1803	Samuel B. Sherrill	A. P.	Feb'y 4, 1863	1874	27	61	88	10	17	5	22	5	5	..	10	7	....	127	100	168.00	5,000
F. Hav. (Welsh)	1857	Robert J. Mathews	P.	August, 1874	1874	23	40	63	4	4	....	4	..	2	..	2	....	8	64	120	80.39	2,000
Hubbardton	1782	.....	.....	.....	....	17	25	42	7	2	....	2	..	..	..	....	2	....	50	60	6.00	3,500
Middletown	Nov'er, 1780	Osborn Myrick	A. P.	1846	1866	12	34	46	7	2	....	2	3	..	..	3	....	....	110	100	17.50	7,500
Pawlet	Aug. 8, 1781	John F. Aiken	A. P.	Oct'r 2, 1873	1873	12	69	81	2	....	....	....	1	..	..	1	....	....	60	140	50.00	7,500
Pittsford	Apr. 14, 1784	Russell T. Hall	P.	Sept. 8, 1870	1870	80	126	206	21	6	4	10	3	6	..	9	6	....	170	200	667.45	15,000
Poultney	1790	Calvin Granger	A. P.	Aug. 6, 1834	1873	30	58	88	22	1	....	1	..	1	..	1	....	....	60	80	10.00	5,000
Rutland	Oct'r 5, 1788	James G. Johnson	P.	Dec. 27, 1866	1870	131	274	405	75	5	17	22	5	2	..	7	....	6	225	450	2,500.00	80,000
Rutland West	Oct. 13, 1773	John K. Williams	A. P.	Nov. 26, 1866	1872	68	120	188	28	14	6	20	5	11	..	16	9	5	150	180	425.00	18,000
Sudbury	1791	Henry F. Rustedt	A. P.	Feb'y 3, 1841	1857	8	18	26	6	....	....	....	..	4	..	4	....	....	20	45	29.00	2,000
Tinmouth	1780	.....	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	..	..	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....
Wallingford	1792	Aldace Walker, D.D.	P.	Dec. 30, 1840	1862	32	82	114	19	10	4	14	6	1	..	7	9	....	140	134	429.06	6,000
17						627	1304	1931	328	69	46	115	40	56	..	96	39	22	1779	2194	$4,901.29	$205,000

Ministers without charge—Harvey O. Higley, Ulric Maynard, L. H. Stone, Castleton; Amasa Stewart, Pittsford.

Deceased—Stephen Williams. *Licentiate*—William L. Woodruff.

Register of Conference—R. T. Hall. *Time of meeting of Conference*—First Tuesday of June.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Stated Sup.	ORDAINED	Pres. Min. Commenced	Church Members.				Admitted.			Removed.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath School.	Average Congreg'n	Benev. Contr'n	Estima'd Value of Church Property.
						Male.	Female.	Total.	Absent.	Prof.	Letter.	Total.	Deaths.	Dism.	Excl.	Total.	Adult	Infant				
Barre	Nov. 14, 1799	Leonard Tenney.	A. P.	Mar. 19, 1845	1868	60	127	187	48	22	3	25	3	3	..	6	13	....	210	150	$263.20	$8,000
Berlin	Oct. 17, 1798	Edwin Seabury.	A. P.	June, 1840	1870	12	29	41	10	2	...	2	2	..	..	2	2	....	119	90	80.00	4,000
Berlin West	Feb. 16, 1865	John F. Stone.	A. P.	Jan. 21, 1829	1864	7	14	21	....	....	....	....	..	..	1	1	....	....	56	40	52.00	2,000
Duxbury	Jan. 18, 1836	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	7	9	16	6	....	....	....	2	..	..	2	....	....	70	70	.....	.....
Marshfield	May 18, 1826	Nelson F. Cobleigh.	P.	Aug. 16, 1871	1870	15	22	37	4	2	1	3	1	..	..	1	2	....	80	62	65.90	2,600
Montpelier	July 20, 1808	Wm. H. Lord, D. D.	P.	Sept. 21, 1847	1847	59	288	447	....	7	3	10	4	1	..	5	5	9	300	400	700.00	60,000
Northfield	May 27, 1822	William S Hazen.	P.	Oct. 12, 1864	1863	34	65	99	8	7	...	7	6	5	..	11	3	2	128	100	175.91	7,500
Plainfield	Nov. 12, 1799	Charles Redfield.	A. P.	June 9, 1859	1873	12	25	37	9	2	4	6	1	..	..	1	2	....	60	65	21.60	4,000
Roxbury	March, 1864	Alden Ladd.	P.	Feb. 15, 1865	1863	22	34	56	4	2	...	2	2	..	..	2	....	....	50	70	50.00	4,000
Waitsfield	June 27, 1796	James H. Babbitt.	P.	Sept. 10, 1868	1868	45	95	140	26	....	2	2	4	2	..	6	....	....	125	100	50.00	10,000
Warren	Oct. 16, 1816	.....	.....	.....	....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	....	....	...	...	.....	.....
Waterbury	July 10, 1801	Jona. Copeland.	A. P.	Nov. 14, 1843	1867	49	105	154	18	10	5	15	2	1	..	3	4	1	118	150	112.00	3,000
Worcester	Feb, 28, 1824	William Schofield.	P.	Feb. 24, 1874	1873	10	42	52	9	1	1	2	1	..	..	1	....	5	70	98	15.00	1,050
13		6 Pastors, 5 A. P.				432	855	1287	140	55	19	74	28	12	1	41	31	17	1386	1395	$1,585.61	$111,150

Ministers without charge—Charles S. Smith, Sec'y Vt. D. M. S., Montpelier; Horace Pratt, Northfield.

Register of Conference—James H. Babbitt. *Time of meeting of Conference*—First Tuesday in June.

12. WINDHAM CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. C. H. MERRILL.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Stat. Sup.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min. Comm'ced.	Church Members				Admitted.			Removed.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath Schools.	Average Congreg.	Benev'nt Contrib.	Estima'd Value of Church Property
						Male.	Female.	Total.	Absent.	Prof.	Letter.	Total.	Deaths.	Dism'd.	Excl.	Total.	Adult	Infant				
Bellows Falls	Aug. 9, 1850	N. F. Carter.	P.	Dec. 17, 1867	1874	32	41	73	22	2	8	10	1	3	..	4	2	....	126	100	$79 50	$6,000
Brattleboro W.	1770	C. H. Merrill.	P.	Nov. 8, 1870	1873	65	108	173	21	20	10	30	3	6	..	9	11	2	156	170	512 58	5,000
Brattleboro	July 15, 1816	Nathaniel Highill.	P.	Sept. 29, 1864	1867	98	238	336	33	32	16	48	7	8	..	15	27	5	306	450	2,000 00	40,000
Cambridgeport.	Apr. 16, 1868	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	15	25	40	15	1	...	1	1	2	..	3	1	....	....	....	.....	2,000
Dover	Jan'y 3, 1872	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....
Dover West	Jan. 17, 1868	H. H. Olds.	P.	May 22, 1872	1874	16	27	43	6	7	...	7	1	1	..	2	3	....	43	80	38 00	3,000
Dummerston	Aug. 17, 1779	L. G. Chase.	P.	Aug. 24, 1870	1870	29	80	109	33	3	...	3	3	1	..	4	3	1	100	90	151 26	3,000
Fayetteville	June 30, 1774	Charles Burnham.	A. P.	Nov'er, 1841	1874	28	72	100	24	....	7	7	2	1	..	3	....	....	150	100	16 39	4,000
Grafton	June 20, 1785	Earl J. Ward.	P.	Mar. 11, 1868	1867	35	67	102	25	....	1	1	3	..	..	3	....	....	80	....	116 11	.....
Guilford East	1768	.....	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....
Jamaica	Sept'er, 1791	A. B. Emmons.	A. P.	Oct. 28, 1873	1874	10	21	31	2	2	2	4	1	5	..	6	2	....	60	95	12 00	3,000
Londonderry	Aug. 19, 1868	E. C. Birge.	A. P.	Aug. 26, 1840	1874	8	23	31	5	....	3	3	1	..	..	1	....	....	....	75	38 00	2,000
Marlboro	Oct. 20, 1776	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	4	7	11	1	....	..	....	1	..	..	1	....	....	....	....	.....	1,000
Putney	Oct. 16, 1776	John E. Russell.	A. P.	Licentiate	1875	19	64	83	13	3	3	6	..	6	..	6	3	1	125	120	.....	6,000
Saxton's River	Jan'y 1, 1825	Joseph Chandler.	A. P.	Aug. 22, 1846	1873	32	63	95	15	1	1	2	2	..	..	2	1	1	67	80	.....	4,000
Stratton	Aug. 17, 1801	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	5	15	20	12	1	...	1	1	..	..	1	1	....	....	76	9 00	Un. prop
Townshend East	Sept. 7, 1792	F. W. Olmstead.	A. P.	July, 1848	1870	37	60	97	19	....	...	....	..	1	..	1	....	....	125	150	100 00	8,000
Townshend W.	Oct'er 8, 1850	J. B. Baldwin.	A. P.	1832	1875	16	50	66	9	2	...	2	..	..	..	....	2	....	80	56	46 70	3,000
Wardsboro	Dec'r 9, 1858	Edward F. Abbott.	A. P.	August, 1846	1875	10	20	30	5	5	...	5	..	1	..	1	5	....	50	70	.....	2,500
Westminster	June 11, 1767	P. F. Barnard.	A. P.	Jan. 14, 1847	1873	26	90	116	10	31	7	38	3	3	..	6	19	4	187	136	175 84	6,000
Westminster W.	Oct. 31, 1799	A. Stevens, D. D.	P.	Feb. 22, 1843	1842	45	52	97	9	2	4	6	5	6	..	11	....	....	140	125	245 00	5,000
Wilmington	July 4, 1855	A. C. Field.	P.	June 28, 1866	1871	28	53	81	....	4	1	5	1	1	..	2	4	....	40	60	45 00	2,000
Windham	Sept. 9, 1805	M. D. Stone.	A. P.	Licentiate	1874	34	53	87	23	7	1	8	1	1	..	2	....	1	90	90	140 00	3,000
23		8 Pastors, 10 A. P.				588	1222	1810	301	123	64	187	36	46	..	82	84	15	1926	2073	$3,731 98	$107,500

Ministers without charge—Augustus Chandler, editor of *Record & Farmer*, Brattleboro; Amos Foster, Putney; Lewis Grout, agent A. M. A., West Brattleboro.

Installed—N. F. Carter, Bellows Falls, Oct. 1, 1874. *Licentiates*—John E. Russell, Putney; M. D. Stone, Windham.

Register of Conference—Rev. C. H. Merrill, West Brattleboro.

Time of meeting of Conference—First Wednesday in September.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Stated Sup.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min. Commenced	Church Members. Males.	Fem.	Total.	Absent.	Admitted. Prof.	Letter.	Total.	Removed. Deaths.	Dism'd.	Excl.	Total.	Bapt'ms Adult	Infant	Sabbath School.	Average Congreg'n.	Benev. Contr'n.	Estimat'd Value of Church Property.
Ascutneyville...	Dec. 15, 1869	Franklin Butler.	A. P.	Jan. 13, 1843	1869	8	14	22	5	....	..	....	..	..	..	....	....	....	50	75	$30 00	$2,500
Barnard.....	May 15, 1782	.....	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	....	..	..	..	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....
Bethel	July 25, 1817	Elbridge Gerry.	A. P.	Sept. 24, 1868	1872	7	30	37	8	4	1	5	2	4	..	6	2	....	....	60	.....	3,000
Bridgewater....	Jan'y 1, 1793	.....	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	....	..	..	..	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....
Chester.....	Oct. 27, 1773	I. G. Hale.	A. P.	Sept. 30, 1852	1869	49	95	144	91	5	6	11	3	4	..	7	5	....	150	145	$24 84	6,000
Hartford	1786	S. Ingersoll Briant.	P.	Apr. 22, 1868	1875	58	105	158	31	4	10	14	4	2	..	6	1	....	200	225	$26 16	15,000
Hartford West.	June 8, 1830	Rezaleel Smith.	A. P.	May 18, 1820	1871	26	50	76	13	22	1	23	1	2	..	4	21	2	175	75	$5 80	4,000
Quechee	1830	T. M. May.	P.	Sept. 25, 1872	1874	10	42	52	2	4	4	8	..	2	..	2	1	....	80	150	$8 50	15,000
Hartland.....	Sept. 6, 1779	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	5	20	25	1	....	....	....	2	....	..	2	....	....	....	....	.....	.....
Ludlow	Sept. 25, 1806	S. P. Cook.	A. P.	June, 1869	1873	29	70	99	36	12	....	12	1	1	..	2	6	2	140	105	$21 32	2,000
Norwich.....	June 15, 1819	William Sewall.	P.	May, 1855	1865	70	141	211	40	....	....	....	3	8	..	11	....	....	200	200	$42 54	8,000
Pittsfield	Sept. 17 1803	Charles W. Clark.	A. P.	Jan. 13, 1861	1874	21	32	53	18	....	....	....	2	....	..	2	....	....	40	80	.....	2,000
Plymouth.....	May 24, 1802	.....	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....
Pomfret.....	Jan'y 8. 1783	Allen Hazen.	A. P.	.....	1875	14	31	45	8	8	....	8	2	0	..	8	4	1	50	70	$0 00	2,000
Rochester.....	Sept. 11, 1801	T. S. Hubbard.	A. P.	June, 1830	1868	36	73	109	....	3	1	4	2	4	..	6	1	2	100	105	$20 00	6,000
Royalton.....	1777	C. B. Drake. D. D.	P.	Oct. 12, 1837	1837	53	97	150	44	32	....	32	5	....	..	5	24	2	....	....	$20 00	5,000
Royalton South.	Jan. 16, 1868	.....	.....	.....	....	18	38	51	6	5	2	7	....	....	..	....	4	2	60	60	$4 80	3,000
Sharon.....	Sept. 11, 1782	E. B. Chamberlin.	A. P.	Mar. 12, 1856	1874	25	53	78	8	8	3	11	2	5	..	7	8	2	98	80	$0 00	6,000
Springfield.....	Oct. 3, 1781	Perrin B. Fisk.	P.	Oct. 1, 1868	1875	115	282	397	40	13	7	20	4	10	..	14	10	3	327	310	1998 81	20,000
Stockbridge....	Oct. 8, 1820	Charles W. Clark.	A. P.	June 13, 1861	1871	22	52	74	18	....	1	1	4	....	..	4	....	....	65	55	$8 00	5,000
Weathersfield E	Apr. 11, 1838	.....	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	50	70	.....	.....
Weathersfield C	1775	J. B. Clark.	A. P.	1830	1874	28	25	53	20	5	....	....	2	1	..	3	....	....	....	....	$6 00	800
Weston.....	Septem. 1792	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	15	33	48	12	....	....	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	75	75	$7 00	2,000
Windsor.....	Septem. 1768	Richard T. Searle.	P.	May 8, 1845	1874	67	150	197	86	8	8	16	5	3	..	8	6	3	145	140	$8 00	10,000
Woodstock.....	Decem. 1781	Lewis W. Hicks.	P.	Sept. 10, 1874	1874	61	139	200	....	2	2	4	3	1	..	6	1	4	178	175	$11 86	16,000
25		6 Pastors, 11 A. P.				727	1552	2279	604	130	46	176	48	55	..	102	94	29	2157	2447	$3,414 68	$197,400

Ministers without charge—Dr. Jonathan Clement, Norwich. *Ordained and Installed*—L. W. Hicks at Woodstock, Sept. 10, 1874.

Installed—T. M. May at Quechee, Nov. 12, 1874. P. B. Fisk at Springfield, Jan. 29, 1875.

Dismissed—R. Samuel at Weston, March 12, 1875.

Register of Conference—Rev. C. W. Clark, Gaysville. *Time of meeting of Conference*—First Tuesday in June.

SUMMARY.

CONFERENCES.	Churches.								Ministers.									Church Members.				Admitted.			Removed.				Bap'ms		Sabbath School.	Average Congregation.	Benevolent Contributions.	Estimated value of Church Property.
	Total Churches.	Chs. with Pastors.	Chs. with A. P.	Chs. with Licentiates.	Vacant Churches.	Chs. rep. ad. by pf.	Chs. rep. no ad. by pf.	Net gain.	Net loss.	Pastors.	Acting Pastors.	Licentiates.	Without charge	Ordained.	Installed.	Dismissed.	Deceased.	Total Ministers.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Absent.	Profession.	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dismissal.	Exclusion.	Total.	Adult.	Infant.			
Addison	14	8	4	0	2	7	0	25	0	8	4	2	0	0	0	1	0	18	633	1160	1793	362	65	16	81	34	19	0	53	33	14	1676	1579	$135,000,00
Bennington	11	4	5	0	2	6	0	0	0	4	5	2	0	0	0	0	0	12	322	629	951	144	23	12	35	11	24	0	35	17	18	1226	1284	152,800,00
Caledonia	14	8	4	1	0	1	0	16	3	8	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	14	611	1305	1916	449	202	64	266	30	72	1	103	109	40	2180	1998	99,600,00
Chittenden	18	5	8	3	1	1	0	6	0	6	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	10	627	1184	1811	328	71	62	133	23	40	1	64	29	11	1776	1802	205,000,00
Essex	3	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	496	77	573	49	8	0	8	4	0	0	4	0	0	80	118	7,000,00
Franklin & Gr'd Isle	13	2	2	5	4	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	422	742	1164	214	123	20	143	20	0	0	20	61	18	1122	1160	72,000,00
Lamoille	8	3	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	126	264	390	67	5	10	15	4	8	0	13	5	8	538	498	18,600,00
Orange	20	6	4	1	4	2	1	2	0	4	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	5	629	1324	1953	334	114	36	150	20	62	2	106	72	34	2097	2069	79,050,00
Orleans	18	7	4	1	2	4	0	46	0	4	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	417	707	1174	204	73	27	100	22	33	1	56	39	16	1854	1480	58,100,00
Rutland	17	6	4	1	1	4	1	19	0	6	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	5	627	1304	1841	328	69	46	115	40	56	1	96	39	22	1779	2194	205,000,00
Washington	12	9	1	0	1	8	1	41	0	6	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	5	432	835	1267	140	55	19	74	23	12	1	36	31	17	1286	1306	111,150,00
Windham	23	8	6	3	4	2	0	33	0	6	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	6	584	1223	1810	301	123	64	187	46	49	1	96	81	15	1926	2073	157,450,00
Windsor	25	6	13	0	6	0	0	105	0	11	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	7	797	1552	2279	364	130	46	176	47	85	0	102	84	4	2167	2447	157,400,00
	197	68	79	6	46	150	77	666	7	66	70	9	50	2	7	7	3	201	6137	12206	18345	3262	1066	422	1478	340	461	8	799	535	220	19813	20257	40,841,29	.....

VERMONT DOMESTIC

MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

ACT OF INCORPORATION.

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

SECTION 1. James W. Hickok, Joshua Leavitt, William H. Lord, Thaddeus Fairbanks, J. G. Stimson, and Charles S. Smith, with their associates, being members of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society, a society heretofore existing, and organized for the purpose of aiding Congregational churches and communities in the State in need of assistance in sustaining the preaching of the gospel, are hereby created a body politic and corporate, by the said name of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society, with all the usual appropriate corporate rights and privileges, and with full power to acquire, hold and convey personal and real property, and to use the same in promoting and securing the aforesaid objects and purposes of their incorporation.

SECTION 2. All the doings of said Society while heretofore existing, all gifts, grants, bequests, and donations made to it, and all grants, appropriations and conveyances made by said Society, are hereby confirmed and made valid.

SECTION 3. Any two of the corporators aforesaid may call the first meeting of said corporation by giving notice thereof in some weekly paper published in said State, three weeks before the day of said meeting.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect from its passage.

Passed October 25, 1872.

LEGACIES TO THE V. D. M. SOCIETY.

FORM OF A BEQUEST.

I bequeath to my executors the sum of——— dollars, in trust, to pay over the same to the Treasurer of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society, incorporated in October, 1872, to be applied to the charitable uses and purposes of said Society.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

VT. DOMESTIC MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

As Revised and Adopted June 18, 1873.

NAME.

Art. I. This Society shall be known by the name of the VERMONT DOMESTIC MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

MEMBERSHIP.

Art. II. Any person may become a member of this Society by paying two dollars into its treasury, and his membership shall continue so long as he shall annually pay a like sum. Any person may, at his request, become a member for life of the Society, who shall at one time pay twenty dollars or more, into its treasury. Congregational ministers whose churches contribute annually to the treasury of this Society, shall be members, and their membership shall continue so long as such annual contributions are made. All such members shall be entitled to vote.

OBJECT.

Art. III. The object of this Society shall be to supply the destitute towns in the State with the preached gospel, by the labors of missionaries, and to aid the American Home Missionary Society.

OFFICERS.

Art. IV. The officers of this Society, to be elected annually, shall be a President, Vice-President, twelve Directors, Secretary, Treasurer, and Auditor. The President and Secretary shall be members of the Board of Directors *ex-officiis*. These officers shall all hold their offices for a year and till others are elected.

DUTIES OF PRESIDENT.

Art. V. It shall be the duty of the President, or, in his absence, of the Vice-President, to preside at all meetings of the Society, and of the Board of Directors.

DUTIES OF DIRECTORS.

Art. VI. It shall be the duty of the Directors, five of whom shall constitute a quorum, to act upon applications coming from churches, asking for aid; make appropriations of money; fill temporarily any vacancy occasioned by the death or resignation of the Secretary, Treasurer, or Auditor; have a general superintendence of all the Society's affairs, and make, through the Secretary, a report of their doings at each annual meeting.

At their annual meeting the Directors shall appoint *five* of their own number—one of whom shall be the Secretary—as an Executive Committee, which committee shall have full power to act for the Directors on all matters that may come before them, when the Directors are not in session.

DUTIES OF SECRETARY.

Art. VII. The Secretary shall take charge of the books and correspondence of the Society and of the Directors; keep a true record of their doings and call meetings of the Society, Directors, and Executive Committee.

He shall secure, as far as possible, collections and donations from churches and individuals; visit destitute communities to ascertain their needs; direct itinerant missionaries to their fields; draw orders upon the Treasurer for all moneys appropriated by the Directors or Executive Committee, and make an annual report to the Society of the doings of the Directors, and the condition of the missionary work.

DUTIES OF TREASURER.

Art. VIII. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive and hold the property of the Society; take care of and invest the permanent funds; lease, or convey by deed, real estate belonging to the Society, when so ordered by the Directors or Executive Committee; and exhibit at the annual meeting an audited account of the condition of the treasury, make a statement of the amount of permanent funds, and how they are invested. He shall hold his books open for inspection when requested by any member of the Society, and shall give bonds when required by the Executive Committee.

DUTIES OF AUDITOR.

Art. IX. The Auditor shall carefully audit the Treasurer's book every year, before the annual meeting of the Society, and report also on the amount of the permanent funds, and the form of their investment.

MEETINGS.

Meetings of Society.

Art. X. There shall be an annual meeting of this Society, for

the election of officers and the transaction of any necessary business, on the Wednesday succeeding the 3d Tuesday in June, at 10 o'clock A. M., at the same place where the General Convention of Congregational Ministers and Churches of Vermont holds its annual meeting. Two several notices shall be given by the Secretary, of the time and place of holding this meeting, in some newspaper generally circulated in this State.

Meetings of Directors.

The Directors shall hold an annual meeting on the same day of the annual meeting of the Society, at such time as the Secretary shall give notice to the Directors, personally or by public notice, at the annual meeting of the Society. They may adjourn or meet at such other time as they see fit, or as they may be called together by the Secretary, notice being given them in writing, one week before the time of meeting.

Meetings of Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee shall hold meetings at such times and places as they may appoint, and whenever the Secretary may call them together; and they shall have power to call meetings of the Society or Directors, in case of the death, resignation, or absence of the Secretary.

CHANGE OF CONSTITUTION.

Art. XI. The object of this Society shall not be changed, but this Constitution may be altered or amended, on a proposal of the Directors, at any annual meeting, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

RULES ADOPTED BY THE DIRECTORS

JUNE 17, 1873.

RULE 1. Churches asking for aid, must first subscribe one hundred and twenty-five per cent. on their grand list, unless in very exceptional cases.

RULE 2. No church in debt for past ministerial services shall receive aid.

RULE 3. Appropriations shall not be made for a longer period than twelve months, and shall not, except in special cases, date back of the time of application.

RULE 4. Applications shall be signed by a committee of the church asking for aid. They shall also be endorsed by the Association within whose bounds they arise, or by a committee of such body.

RULE 5. Every application must contain an answer to the following questions, viz:

(1) Name of minister employed?
(2) Number of members of the church?
(3) Usual attendance on public worship?
(4) Amount of the grand list of the church?
(5) Amount actually subscribed by the church for preaching?
(6) Amount subscribed by those not members of the church?
(7) Is aid expected from any other source?
(8) Least amount of aid that will suffice from this Society?
(9) Is the church in debt for past ministerial services? If so, how much? and to whom?
(10) From what date is aid asked?

RULE 6. On the expiration of an appropriation, if aid is still needed, a new application must be made, containing an explicit answer to *all* the above questions.

RULE 7. All missionaries, when required, shall furnish satisfactory testimonials of church and ministerial standing.

RULE 8. A statistical report shall be made by each missionary before the first of June, of each year, or when he leaves his field, if it is before the close of the Society's year.

RULE 9. Missionaries shall not be entitled to receive payments from this Society till they have made a written report to the Secretary, of their services for the period for which such payment is due. Those who wish quarterly payments must make quarterly reports.

RULE 10. Missionaries must reside with the people to whom they preach. If they serve two or more churches they must live with one of them.

RULE 11. The Secretary shall engage itinerant laborers as may be needed, for destitute fields, who shall be guaranteed eight dollars per week, and their fare one way, not to exceed twelve dollars. The people with whom they labor shall, in all cases, provide board, and pay as large a part of the salary as possible.

Churches receiving aid are requested to arrange, as far as practicable, their contracts with their ministers so that their year may commence with the first of June, in order that all applications for he renewal of grants may be made before the annual meeting.

RETURNS OF THE
FIFTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING.

The fifty-seventh anniversary of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society was held at Bennington, on Wednesday, June 16, 1875, in accordance with notice, given three weeks previously, in the *Vermont Chronicle.*

The President, Dea. C. F. Thompson, called the meeting to order.

After singing, prayer was offered by Rev. R. S. Cushman. On motion, a committee of three was appointed to nominate officers for the ensuing year, as follows:— Rev. E. P. Hooker, Rev. W. Sewall and ——— ———

The Treasurer, Mr. J. C. Emery, read his Report, which was accepted and approved, and ordered to be printed, and may be found after the report of the Directors.

The Directors' Report was read by the Secretary, Rev. C. S. Smith. This Report was accepted, approved and ordered to be printed.

While the above motion was pending, remarks were made by Rev. Messrs. J. G. Johnson, S. W. Dike, J. Chandler, J. Copeland, S. P. Cook, H. Fairbanks, A. Stevens, D. D., J. Anderson, J. Wickham, D. D., and P. B. Fisk.

The Nominating Committee reported the following list of officers for the ensuing year, which was accepted and the following persons were declared elected:

President,—Dea. J. M. Haven.

Vice-President,—Dea. Crosby Barrows.

Secretary,—Rev. C. S. Smith.

Treasury,—J. C. Emery, Esq.

Auditor,—Hon. John A. Page.

Directors,—Rev. W. H. Lord, D. D., Thaddeus Fairbanks, Esq., Rev. C. E. Ferrin, Rev. W. S. Hazen, Rev. A. W. Wild, Rev. N. Mighill, Rev. J. G. Johnson, Rev. J. G. Hale, Rev. G. B. Safford, J. S. Spaulding, LL. D., Rev. I. Jennings, Rev. S. W. Dike.

Directors ex officiis,—Dea. J. M. Haven, President, and Rev. C. S. Smith, Secretary.

After singing the Doxology, on motion the Society adjourned.

C. S. SMITH, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS.

The swiftly-passing weeks have brought us to the close of another year of missionary labor, and we celebrate to-day our fifty-seventh anniversary. During nearly three-score years this Society has pursued its mission of love among the churches, gathering in their bounties, encouraging the disheartened, strengthening the weak, giving aid and comfort to those in trouble, and preaching the Gospel to the poor. During this period, one hundred and forty-one of the churches in the State—more than two-thirds of the whole number—have been aided from its treasury, and, though now venerable in years, it never was younger in spirit, or more helpful to the needy than at present. It still, in the name of its Master, walks abroad among the golden candlesticks, with an open treasury to receive their offerings; with a sympathetic ear for their distresses, and a strong and willing arm to raise up and help forward the feeble and dependent. A kind Providence has been over us during the year that is passed. The officers and missionaries who commenced it have been graciously spared to its close, and the reviving influences of the Holy Spirit have descended upon us with unwonted power.

THE TREASURY.

The Treasurer's Report shows that, including the balance in the treasury, of $3,451.38, at the beginning of the year, he has received $16,252.32. Of this sum, $488.00 was received from legacies; $4,029.39 from collections of notes and interest; $6,127.23 from contributions for Ordinary Department; $1,486.32 from contributions to Itinerant Department, and $670.00 from Itinerant Fields.

The disbursements have been, for the Ordinary Department $5,531.95; for the Itinerant Department $2,025.67; for salary of Secretary, postage, stationary, and printing the Annual Reports, $1,602.58; in re-investing funds $5,500.00. There remains in the treasury $1,592.12.

STATISTICAL TABLES.

The following tables will be found to contain the principal statistics relating to the several aided churches and fields occupied during the year by the Ordinary and Itinerant departments, with brief notices of each:

TABULAR VIEW OF THE AIDED CHURCHES.

No.	CHURCHES.	MISSIONARIES.	DATE OF COMMISSION.	Length Commission.	Aid Pledged.	Months of Labor.	Hopeful Converst'ns.	Added: Profession.	Added: Letter.	Removed: Dismissed.	Removed: Deaths.	Removed: Exclusion.	Resident Members.	Male Residents.	Non-Residents.	Average Congregation.	No. in Sabbath School.	CONTRIBUTIONS: Home Missions.	CONTRIBUTIONS: Other Objects.
1	Albany	Albert Watson,	July 1, 1874	12	$200	12	2	0	2	0	0	0	46	18	8	90	100	$6 00	$25 00
2	Arlington East	Julius C. McCollom,	Jan'y 1, 1875	12	200	5	19	9	3	1	0	0	46	10	3	144	100	12 00	36 00
3	Berkshire East	Elias W. Hatch,	April 1, 1874	12	100	12	5	0	0	0	0	0	46	17	7	80	90	10 18	30 00
4	Berlin West	John F. Stone,	June 1, 1875	12	200	12	1	0	0	0	0	1	21	7	0	45	66	30 00	27 00
5	Bethel	Elbridge Gerry,	April 1, 1875	2	25	2	25	4	1	4	2	0	38	7	7	80	60	11 00	9 88
6	Cambridgeport	Amos Foster,	Sept. 20, 1873	12	200	4	...	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.. ..	.. ..
7	Charleston West	William T. Herrick,	June 1, 1874	12	150	12	2	5	4	0	2	0	57	19	11	100	100	37 50	128 75
8	Colchester	Charles M. Seaton,	Jan. 1, 1875	12	150	12	3	0	0	1	0	0	47	4	13	72	65	20 00	27 00
9	Fair Haven	R. J. Mathews,	July 1, 1874	12	200	11	3	3	0	3	0	0	54	18	1	115	80	8 00	52 00
10	Fairlee West	Solon Martin,	June 1, 1874	12	200	12	1	0	0	5	2	0	45	22	16	60	40	16 50	22 00
11	Gaysville	Charles W. Clark,	April 1, 1875	12	200	12	3	0	0	0	4	0	56	18	18	55	80	30 00	5 00
12	Granby & Victory	Rev. S. R. Hall, Aug. 1, 1873 / Charles Duren, Feb. 20, 1875		12	100	9	1	3	0	0	1	0	43	19	10	65	60	21 48	67 57
13	Highgate	James P. Stone,	Oct. 1, 1874	12	200	12	15	12	4	4	2	0	39	10	15	80	100	22 00	15 00
14	Holland	R. D. Metcalf,	April 15, 1875	6	75	2	...	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	75	80	... ..	... ..
15	Irasburgh	Azro A. Smith,	Jan'y 1, 1875	12	100	12	23	6	2	2	2	1	55	20	7	140	200	20 00	63 50
16	Jamaica	A. B. Emmons,	April 1, 1875	12	200	2	5	2	2	5	1	0	29	10	2	95	60	... ..	12 00
17	Londonderry	Eben C. Birge,	Feb. 20, 1875	12	200	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	..	5	..	75	15	15 00	21 00
18	Lowell	Frederick D. Phelps,	Dec. 1, 1874	6	166	6	20	..	3	2	1	0	49	19	8	87	100	5 10	33 00

19	Ludlow	Silas P. Cook,	June 1,	1874	12	140	12	39	12	1	2	0	0	62	20	38	105	140	16	75	177	69
20	Marshfield	Nelson F. Cobleigh,	May 23,	1875	12	200	12	27	3	2	0	1	0	35	14	4	75	90	27	50	38	40
21	Middletown	Osborn Myrick,	Nov. 1,	1874	12	175	12	0	2	0	0	3	0	39	8	7	100	120	17	50	15	00
22	Morrisville	Vitellus M. Hardy,	Jan'y 1,	1875	12	150	5	10	2	5	5	3	0	82	30	10	144	173	9	40	43	50
23	Newbury West	Robert D. Miller,	March 1,	1874	12	200	9	0	0	0	0	1	0	40	14	5	90	100	...	..	37	50
24	Pittsfield	Charles W. Clark,	April 1,	1875	12	50	2	...	..	..	..	..	..	35	18	18	30	40	..	..	...	..
25	Plainfield	Charles Redfield,	June 1,	1874	12	200	12	2	2	4	0	1	0	28	9	9	65	60	20	50	8	00
26	Pomfret	Daniel Goodhue,	May 1,	1874	12	250	11	15	8	0	2	2	0	46	14	..	100	240	10	00	6	00
		Allen Hazen,	May 15,	1875	12	200																
27	Ripton	Cephas H. Kent,	June 1,	1874	12	200	12	4	2	0	0	0	0	36	16	24	35	45	20	00	74	49
28	Roxbury	Alden Ladd,	Oct. 1,	1874	12	300	12	7	2	0	0	2	0	54	23	6	75	50	...	..	53	00
29	Royalton South	Amzi B. Lyon,	June 1,	1874	12	200	12	20	5	2	0	0	0	44	11	7	80	93	. .	..	...	..
30	Stratton	A. B. Emmons,	Nov. 1,	1873	12	200	15	15	1	0	0	0	0	14	2	7	78	50	5	00	...	..
31	Sudbury	Henry F. Rustedt,	Sept. 1,	1874	12	200	12	0	0	0	4	0	0	20	6	4	45	20	18	00	...	..
32	Troy South	David Connell,	Jan'y 1,	1874	12	100	1	...	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	...	..	...	..
33	Tunbridge	Stephen F. Lougee,	June 1,	1873	12	100	12	25	0	2	0	2	0	30	10	15	75	60	11	35	14	00
34	Waterville	Richard Hicks,	Sept 1,	1874	12	100	12	1	2	2	0	0	0	32	9	0	100	65	10	00	...	..
35	Wardsboro South	Thomas Baldwin,	April 12,	1874	12	100	12	0	5	0	1	0	0	30	10	5	75	50	5	00	10	00
		Edward F. Abbott,	May,	1875	12	200																
36	Worcester	William Schofield,	June 22,	1874	12	200	12	10	1	1	0	1	0	53	9	13	98	70	20	35	...	..

THE AIDED CHURCHES.

1. ALBANY. The missionary closed his labors with this church July 1st and was dismissed from his pastorate. He complained of backwardness on the part of the people in fulfilling their pecuniary obligations to him. Such a course is suicidal to a church. It inevitably drives away their pastor, dulls their own moral perceptions, and makes it difficult for them to secure a permanent supply.

2. ARLINGTON EAST. The year has been a prosperous one. The outside of the church has been painted. One young man—a recent convert—is preparing for the ministry. A revival has been enjoyed, resulting in the quickening of the church, the conversion of nearly twenty persons, and the bringing of several families to the house of God who never before frequented it. The missionary preaches every Sabbath at an out station.

3. BERKSHIRE EAST. Between three and four hundred dollars have been expended in repairing the church. The observance of the week of prayer was followed by a great increase of religious interest, and several hopeful conversions. The missionary has preached, since the first of May, on the afternoon of every Sabbath, to the little church in Montgomery. This arrangement is to continue through the year.

4. BERLIN WEST. There has been little change during the year. Two preaching services and a prayer meeting on the Sabbath have been kept up. The prayer meetings have been well sustained and rendered more interesting by the repeating of portions of Scripture by all present. The congregations have been larger this summer than a year ago.

5. BETHEL. A bell has been purchased, and is found useful in securing greater punctuality in attendance upon religious services. Gospel meetings were held in the winter which were found very beneficial. Some fifteen or twenty were hopefully converted. The religious life of the church was quickened. A young people's prayer meeting is held Sabbath evenings, while the missionary holds a meeting in some out district.

6. CAMBRIDGEPORT. The missionary closed his labors here in September, since which time the church has been mostly without preaching. This is the only church in the village and should relax no effort to sustain Christian ordinances.

7. CHARLESTON WEST. A Sabbath-school Library has been purchased at a cost of $120. The year has been one of severe trial. By deaths, and failures in business, the financial ability of the church has been greatly weakened. There has been a measurable degree of spiritual prosperity, and by faithful continuance

in well doing they may hope to recover from their present embarrassments.

8. COLCHESTER. The church here is one of three feeble churches, of different denominations, deriving their congregation and support from an agricultural community. There seems to be something wrong in three ministers spending their time and strength in doing what could be well done by one man. And yet it is not easy to remedy the evil. The three churches are each earnest and zealous in sustaining worship by themselves, and seem to have made little advance in that charity and fellowship which is needed to lead to any consolidation. Our missionary is a man of generous Christian spirit and has heartily welcomed all desires for union services by the other churches. We see no way at present but to sustain this church. The congregation and Sabbath-school have been larger than usual, and a healthy religious growth has been manifest during the year.

9. FAIR HAVEN. This church is composed of Welsh, many of whom have a very imperfect understanding of the English language. The missionary preaches to them in their native tongue. They have lately joined the Rutland Conference, and being unable to sustain their minister without help, applied to us for aid. The missionary reports the religious condition of the church as improving.

10. FAIRLEE WEST. The missionary thinks that the year, though not one of ingathering, has been one of needful preparation for greater good in the future. Difficulties have been settled, a better degree of harmony has been secured and the prospects of the church are improved. This church is the only one in the parish. The missionary says:—"The church is poor and could not possibly support preaching without aid. Most of the members are willing to do what they can. What has been gained in membership for the last twenty years has gone to help other places. Many Christian men and women, raised up here, are now living and laboring in almost every state, from Maine to California. Those who remain are very grateful for Christian aid and sympathy."

11. GAYSVILLE. This church has been laboring under great discouragements the past two years by reason of business changes. The missionary writes:—"It has been in some respects a year of trial with us. There has been sickness and death in our families to an unusual degree. These experiences have made their drafts upon time and hearts. On account of our reduced strength, the labors of the minister have been divided, for the last six months, between this place and Pittsfield. Our people are desiring to keep the light of the Gospel burning here."

12. GRANBY AND VICTORY. Rev. S. R. Hall closed his labors here in August last, and Rev. C. Duren took his place in September. This church has just celebrated its fiftieth anniversary. It has a larger membership than ever before. It is the only church that regularly holds meetings in these two towns. One of its members is intending to study for the Christian ministry.

13. HIGHGATE. As the result of a revival last winter, sixteen were received into the church by profession. The missionary writes:—"Ever and anon our members are asking for letters and removing from us. During the year three of our best families, and one of them that of our only deacon, have removed from town. Two highly esteemed male members have been removed by death, one of them, a young man in the prime of life, who united with us in February last, and who we were confidently expecting would be one of our most efficient helpers. An influential lawyer, who had just come to the light, and was beginning to help in the prayer meeting, has also left us with his family to unite with a church in a neighboring town. Notwithstanding the sixteen added to the church we are no stronger in a pecuniary point of view than we were a year ago."

14. HOLLAND. Through God's blessing on the labors of a student last year, this church was much revived and received several additions. They were without regular preaching through the winter. Mr. Metcalf commenced his labors with them in April. The present attendance is good.

15. IRASBURGH. Faithful labor has met with its reward. The condition of this church is better than for many years. The presence of the Divine Spirit has changed the attitude and feelings of some professed disciples, and led more than a score of persons to set out in the Christian course. It is believed that this church will not need missionary aid much longer. They are doing good work in the out districts.

16. JAMAICA. From April to November, 1874, this church had no regular preaching. During the winter their minister was supported by the people without aid. The missionary reports a steady increase in attendance, a quiet interest in religion and hopeful appearances.

17. LONDONDERRY. It has been a year of harmony and quiet with this church. No increase, no losses in numbers; still the missionary writes hopefully.

18. LOWELL. This church was aided, from the Pastoral Sustentation Fund, a part of the year, but when that failed them, their necessities were such that help was granted them from the Missionary treasury. The church have enjoyed a spiritual refresh-

ing which was much promoted by Gospel meetings, held with them by the workers from the Young Men's Christian Association. The members of this church have done good servicein out-districts, and in aiding in Christian work in other towns. The pastor—Rev. F. B. Phelps—is now supplying the church in Westfield half of the time.

19. LUDLOW. This church feels very much the need of a new house of worship, in a location more accessible; but hardly feels able to meet the expense of building. The faithful labors of the missionary have been supplemented by those of an evangelist, and by Gospel meetings by the Young Men's Christian Association. A precious revival has been enjoyed, resulting in more than one hundred conversions in the town.

20. MARSHFIELD. The missionary writes:—"The year opened in a very discouraging way, but there was a change gradually wrought. In the fall the interest in religion deepened, and souls inquired for the way of life. Since then the work of grace has gone forward quietly. We have, however, passed through seasons of deep interest and the work continues. Our neighborhood meetings have been greatly blessed. The atmosphere of the community seems very much changed. The congregation and Sabbath-school have increased. Several family altars have been erected. Pastor and people are united and happy in their work."

21. MIDDLETOWN. The missionary reports:—"The question of repairing the meeting house and parsonage is now being agitated. Our prayer meetings have been well sustained and interesting. The church are united and zealous in Christian efforts. As every loss, by death or removal, is deeply felt, so the return, the past year, of a single family of the many that have left us, is a matter of rejoicing."

22. MORRISVILLE. The debt incurred in repairing the church has weighed heavily upon this church for two years past. It is now nearly paid. The congregation is increasing, and the late religious interest promises a valuable ingathering. It is believed that they will not long need missionary aid.

23. NEWBURY WEST. Rev. R. D. Miller left in March, after five years of faithful and profitable labor.

24. PITTSFIELD. After being without regular preaching for some two years, an arrangement has been made by which Rev. C. W. Clark, who preaches in Gaysville, is also to have the care of this church and preach to them a part of the time. They are too feeble to support a minister alone even with missionary aid.

25. PLAINFIELD. Some needful repairs have been made about the parsonage, and the church has been shingled and painted. Regular services have been kept up during the year.

26. POMFRET. Rev. D. Goodhue closed his labors the first of May. In the winter there was a season of religious interest and several hopeful conversions. The Sabbath-school library has been increased and new hymn books obtained. Rev. Allen Hazen is engaged to supply them for six months. Services are held at South Pomfret a part of the time. The Methodists cordially unite in supporting the missionary.

27. RIPTON. This little parish has a very quiet life. Yet it is so small and feeble, that slight changes are as deeply felt as far greater ones in a larger community. The failure of one man, or the going or coming of a single family are events that are deeply felt. The year has been one of more than usual prosperity.

28. ROXBURY. The missionary reports the year as having been one of hard work, of co-operation on the part of the church, and of, on the whole, good results. The good seed has been sown, and quite a number have manifested unusual interest whose conversion is confidently looked for at no distant day. One young man is looking forward to the ministry.

29. ROYALTON SOUTH. Rev. A. B. Lyon left at the close of his year. This church continues to suffer from frequent changes of ministers. This church shared to some extent in the religious interest that has pervaded the town the past year.

30. STRATTON. This little church has been generally supplied with a student, during the summer, till last year when Mr. Emmons was with them for something more than a year, ending in November. His labors were blessed to the conversion of several souls. There is a small Free Baptist church in town, who have joined with the Congregationalists in sustaining meetings, when they have had a minister. At the present time all join in sustaining a Free Baptist minister. It would be better if these two churches would join one organization and be but one church.

31. SUDBURY. The missionary — Rev. H. F. Rustedt — has toiled on here for about eighteen years. The people who are interested in sustaining religious institutions are few and poor. The missionary's salary is very small and he is the only minister who preaches in the town. The field is a hard one and the additions to the church have been few. The future prospects of the church do not look hopeful. Yet the Spirit of the Lord can make the wilderness a fruitful field.

32. TROY SO. Rev. D. Connell by reason of ill health left this field in July, 1874. Since then they have been without regular preaching. They are quite feeble, lacking in efficient members and in the means of sustaining preaching.

33. TUNBRIDGE. The missionary called in the aid of an

evangelist to help him during the winter. Several hopeful conversions are reported and the condition of the church as prosperous.

34. WATERVILLE. Rev. R. Hicks has continued to supply this church half of the time. He writes:—"This church is, I think, steadily though not rapidly increasing in unity, in devotion to Christ, and in influence in the community. Four have joined the church during the year—three heads of families and one young man—all most valuable members. I think this church should be taken care of. The community needs it; the county needs it; the Lord needs it. All the members except five or six are in middle life and have their day of life and labor before them. There is great encouragement to labor and pray with the hope of a harvest, at no distant day."

35. WARDSBORO SOUTH. Rev. Thomas Baldwin left, at the end of his year, in May, considering his health insufficient for another year's labor. The church is in a good condition and is now supplied by Rev. E. F. Abbott.

36. WORCESTER. The year has been one of trial, in some respects, to this church. Influences in the community have not all been friendly. Death and removals have taken away valuable members and diminished the pecuniary ability of the church. The missionary has labored on, faithfully and discreetly, and it is believed that, by patient continuance in well doing, the church will in due time see brighter skies, and more encouraging signs.

TABULAR VIEW OF ITINERANT FIELDS.

FIELDS AND MISSIONARIES.	BEGUN.	Weeks of Labor.	Weekly Salary.	Traveling Expenses.	Amounts Paid. By the People.	By the Society.	Total.	Average Congrega'n.	No. in Sab. School.
1. ALBURGH								100	112
J. W. Homer	May 15, 1875	3	$8 00	$	$	$	$		
2. BRAINTREE								50	45
S. J. Bryant	May 17, 1874	12	8 00	12 00	25 00	99 00	124 00		
A. T. Swing	May 15, 1875	3	8 00						
3. BRAINTREE EAST								80	100
Henry T. Sell	May 15, 1875	3							
4. BRIDGEWATER								90	35
R. G. Budbee	May 15, 1875	17	8 00	7 00	52 00	83 00	135 00		
5. CAMBRIDGE								75	50
L. S. Gates	May 15, 1875	15	8 00	10 35	91 00	31 35	122 35		
6. DANBY								50	35
Jas. L. Harrington	May 15, 1875	3	8 00						
7. DOVER								70	50
O. C. Dickerson		12							
8. GUILFORD EAST								65	40
O. C. Dickerson		8							
9. HOLLAND								80	30
A. M. Archibald	May 23, 1874	13	8 00	12 00	105 00	27 00	132 00		
R. D. Metcalf									
10. MONTGOMERY CEN.								60	55
R. R. Kendall	May 30, 1874	41	8 00	12 00	58 00	58 60	116 60		
11. ORANGE								65	70
R. D. Metcalf	April 1, 1874	44			200 00	250 00	450 00		
12. RUTLAND WEST									
G. A. Pehrsson	June 1, 1871	15			80 00	100 00	180 00		
13. ST ALBANS									
Antoine Geoffroy	April 1, 1874	52			239 00	400 00	639 00		
14. WESTON								90	70
S. J. Bryant	May 15, 1875	3	8 00						
15. WOODBURY								100	75
R. B. Wright	May 15, 1875	3	8 00						

ITINERANT FIELDS.

1. ALBURGH. This church being without any minister, and not succeeding in finding any one, applied for a student for the summer. The church contains some earnest Christians. They are widely scattered, and find it difficult to raise a salary sufficient to sustain such a minister as they want.

2. BRAINTREE. The only preaching this church has had for some years has been by students. These labors have been the means of bringing several persons into the church. There seems little prospect that they will be able to have preaching through the year, unless it can be by yoking with the church at East Braintree. They were supplied with a student last summer, and are also the present season.

3. BRAINTREE EAST. The minister laboring here left in the winter. They sustained him, for nearly two years, without help. It is hoped that they will be able to secure some one to stay with them permanently, as soon as the student now laboring with them leaves.

4. BRIDGEWATER. Mr. R. G. Bugbee, a native of this town, who labored with so much acceptance here last year, is again with them this summer. There has been but little change in the moral and religious condition of this town for the past ten years, so far as human wisdom can judge, and yet some forms of error once rife seem to have spent their force and to be followed by blank indifference. We hope that the seed sown will not all fail of germinating.

5. CAMBRIDGE. This church, after being without preaching most of the winter, is favored with the labors of Mr. L. S. Gates again this summer. The attendance is good and there is more religious interest in the community than has been manifest for many years.

6. DANBY. After Mr. Wright's dismission this church had little preaching till the coming of a student. They have a good congregation this summer.

7. DOVER. Rev. O. C. Dickerson supplied this church a part of the time till he left in September, 1874. The church is small, not accustomed to pay liberally for religious privileges, and not likely to have regular preaching, unless they can unite with West Dover or Marlboro in sustaining the same minister.

8. GUILFORD. This church was ministered to last year, and the early part of this, occasionally, by Mr. Dickerson. A few individuals have been quite anxious to secure a Congregational min-

ister permanently. But the number of people who are Congregational in sentiment is small, and as the community is supplied with other evangelical preaching it is doubtful whether the best interests of Christ's Kingdom will be promoted by attempting to perpetuate the Congregational church there.

9. HOLLAND. Mr. Archibald's labors here last summer were very acceptable, and were blessed of God to the conversion of several souls, and the strengthening of the church. They are now supplied by Mr. R. D. Metcalf.

10. MONTGOMERY CENTER. Mr. R. R. Kendall preached here last summer. They asked for a student the present summer, but were enabled to make a better arrangement, in employing Rev. E. W. Hatch of East Berkshire, to preach for them on every alternate Sabbath.

11. ORANGE. For the first time for many years they have had preaching continuously through the year, to the first of April. They are without any church organization. There are people enough in this field to make a good congregation, and means enough to sustain public worship, if they were consecrated to the service of God. The number of professedly Christian people is few and not entirely united in sentiment. A long neglect in sustaining the worship of God through the year, has made many indifferent to its importance, and led them to feel that they cannot bear the burden of supporting a minister.

12. WEST RUTLAND; SWEDISH MISSION. Rev. G. A. Pehrsson has for several years past visited this little church, once in two months or oftener, and spent one or two weeks with them, holding meetings on the Sabbath and on week days. The missionary reports the number of church members as sixty-five; additions during the year by profession three, by letter from Sweden four; attendance upon public worship fifty-five. He preached twenty-four times on the Sabbath, and held twenty-six prayer meetings. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered three times, and six children were baptized.

13. ST. ALBANS; FRENCH MISSION. Rev. A. Geoffroy has labored for three years or more among his countrymen in St. Albans and vicinity. The Franklin and Grand Isle County Conference have heartily recommended him, and several individuals and churches in the county have contributed something towards his support. In his report he says of St. Albans, "We have held meetings in our dwelling house last winter, every two weeks on the Sabbath, and prayer meetings every week. The general attendance was from twenty-five to thirty; sometimes our house was not large enough to hold all who came. Fourteen families

have attended our meetings. We have lost four families who have left this place for want of work, but have taken the light of the Gospel with them. Three persons have joined the church within the year and others think of joining soon. We had twenty-five French children last winter under instruction, but that number is considerably decreased now by removals." Mr. Geoffroy has visited and held meetings at Swanton and Bakersfield. At Swanton there are nine or ten families attentive to the truth. One has joined the Methodist church. Mr. Geoffroy is a worthy, hard working man, and is universally respected by his countrymen as a good man. He deserves, and needs, the hearty sympathy of all who love our Lord Jesus Christ in the county, in his self-denying work.

14. WESTON. The dismission of Mr. Samuel left them in a divided state. A student is employed by them this summer and it is hoped they will meet his entire salary.

15. WOODBURY. This town has suffered greatly for want of permanent religious influences. All the Christian people should enter heartily into one religious organization, combine their strength, and labor to sustain public worship every Sabbath. The student who is there for the summer has made a good beginning and present indications are hopeful.

SUMMARY.

WORK AND RESULTS.

Fifty-two missionaries have been employed, during the whole or a part of the year, in fifty-five different fields. Seventeen of these belong to the Itinerant Department. The history and experience of these Churches have been widely different. Two report no additions or conversions. Though they have relaxed neither prayer nor labor they have sat under the shadow of great darkness, and their harps have hung upon the willows. Ten churches have suffered, from deaths and removals, so that their losses have been more than their gains. They have given, of that which was their life, to people heaven and enrich other churches. They have thus had experience of the bitterness and blessedness of the mission God has given to so many of our country churches, to decrease in order that enlargemet may come to Zion in other places. But thanks to God, the Spirit of the Lord has been present, in an unusual degree, with many of the missionary churches. The redeemed of the Lord have come to Zion with singing, and everlasting joy upon their heads. Two hundred and ninety-one hopeful conversions have been reported, and still the enquiry is, in many places, "What shall we do to be saved."

As many of the conversions occurred near the close of the year, only a part of the subjects have been gathered into the churches. One hundred and thirty-five have been received to membership—ninety-one of them by profession. The losses by deaths, dismissions and exclusions, have been seventy-seven, leaving a net gain of fifty-eight.

ITINERANT DEPARTMENT.

The number of laborers employed in the Itinerant Department has been fifteen. Orange has been supplied nearly the whole year. The little church in Holland was so blessed, by the labors of a student with them last summer, that it received a larger addition than any other church in Orleans county. The church in Cambridge, which was in a very low state, was faithfully served last summer by a theological student, who is with them again the present summer. Students are now laboring in Alburgh, Braintree, East Braintree, Danby, Weston, Woodbury and Bridgewater. The latter place, which for years we have nursed by itinerant laborers, was most acceptably supplied last summer, and is also now, by a member of their own church—a young man who has grown up among them, secured a college education and is now a member of the senior class of Yale Divinity School. Several others of our missionary fields report young men among their members preparing for the ministry.

The county missionary, who labored for two years in Windham county, closed his work there last fall and went to the West. He did a good work and helped to revive, and put in a better condition several of the feeble churches there. A young man who came as a student and an Itinerant worker into Windham county has been, since he graduated, retained in the county as a minister and is doing good work in a missionary church there. We have continued to help the little church of Swedes at West Rutland to preaching a part of the year in their own language.

Rev. A. Geoffroy, a French Protestant, has labored during the entire year, among his countrymen in Franklin county, with as good success, perhaps, as we could expect. He is a man of excellent Christian spirit, who is universally respected by the French speaking population. Several of the churches in Franklin county have contributed toward his support, and have pledged themselves to do so during the coming year. They voted at their county Conference to ask this society to continue its appropriation for that object.

MORE MINISTERS NEEDED.

The number of churches aided is less than it was two years ago. This is not because we have fewer feeble and dependent churches in the state now than we had then, but is owing mainly to two reasons. *First*, some of the churches aided by the Sustentation Committee were missionary churches and would have drawn their supplies from this society if there had been no other source of help. Some of these have applied to us again for assistance in

case they get no relief from the Convention. *Secondly*, several churches in need of preaching, and help in sustaining it, have made no call upon us during the year, for the reason that they have been unsuccessful in securing any minister to meet their wants. It is practically becoming more and more difficult to supply our feeble churches with men of energy, character and devotion, who can reach and influence the communities where they are situated. Other more demonstrative and inviting fields eagerly call and secure all such men.

The great want for the successful prosecution of our missionary work at the present time; the great want of our feeble churches; the great want of many communities in the state, where God's ordinances are neglected, is earnest, self-denying, Christian ministers, thoroughly consecrated to the work of the Lord, and ready to labor for love of Him and love of souls in our smaller country places. It is a matter worthy of serious inquiry, whether the training at the present time of young men for the ministerial work is not defective; fitting them for the pleasant, cultivated, ideal parish, rather than to give them the spirit of consecration and self-denial needed to lead them to follow the footsteps of the Master, in going into the towns of Samaria and Galilee, to preach the gospel to the poor.

YOKING CHURCHES.

In this lack of efficient ministers, we have in our missionary work to endeavor to economize men, as much or more than money. In considering how this can be done, it is evident that we shall be compelled, more than in the past, to persuade two or more neighboring churches to unite in employing the same minister; and ministers to consent to serve two churches. Since the practice of dispensing with the afternoon sermon has been introduced, there has been some advance made in this direction. There are, at present, twenty-two churches in the state that have adopted and are trying this method. Twenty-two churches are served by eleven ministers. Eleven ministers are by this plan set free, or saved for labor in other places. Several of these churches are thus enabled to retain their independence of missionary aid. Besides these eleven cases of churches yoking, there are five other instances where ministers preach regularly in two different houses of worship, and for the most part to different congregations, thus making sixteen instances where ministers virtually preach in two parishes each. There are several other localities where this plan should be adopted. When churches are only five or six miles apart, except in a few neighborhoods where high hills or winter drifts interfere, a sermon and a Sunday-school may, by such an arrangement, be enjoyed by each church every Sabbath. There

are doubtless some cases where this plan may not be practicable, but where it is, it has the merit of economising ministerial force as well as money, and of furnishing the minister employed with a wider field of influence, and a more remunerative salary.

CONSOLIDATING CHURCHES.

There is another matter which, as we consider the questions of economy in missionary work, and the best interests of Christ's kingdom, will, with the coming years, more and more force itself upon the attention of all evangelical denominations, viz:—the consolidation of the feeble evangelical churches of different denominations in our small towns. There are not a few agricultural towns, where there is almost no village, and the people are all in moderate circumstances, in which there are two or three small churches struggling to live, and neither of them able to sustain preaching without help. They live in constant jealousy of each other, as the enlargement and popularity of one means the weakening of the others. All the Christians belonging to these several bodies, if united, would make one self-sustaining church, of moderate membership, and the consolidated congregations would make one good-sized assembly. To maintain two or three ministers in such places, under all the depressing influences and friction to which they are subject, to do the work that one man could do better—with more freedom and hope—is a great waste, as well as being a hindrance and reproach to Christianity. This ought not so to be. There ought to be enough of the spirit of Christ in the hearts of His disciples to lead them to be willing to sit together in the same house of worship; to subscribe the same covenant of faith, love and obedience; and to come together to the table that their Lord spreads for the refreshment of all His people. It is a question, well worthy of consideration, whether our Articles of Faith and Covenants ought not to be so conformed and confined to the ground principles of religion—to its vital points—as not to exalt any non-essential into a barrier to shut out any true disciple. And there should be that enlarged Christian charity that will lead us to be willing to let our fellow disciple enjoy his private views on all non-essential points within the same church organization.

It may be said that this is well enough in theory, but it is in vain to expect to see it reduced to practice; that the consolidation of churches of different evangelical denominations is a hopeless undertaking. We do not despair of seeing even this realized, and thereby a great load lifted from our missionary society; for,

First, such a result is in perfect harmony with the principles and tendency of the Christian religion, and we need only a little more of the spirit of heaven to make disciples so one on earth, in faith and love, as to hold sweet fellowship together in Christ,

though on matters of minor importance their opinions may differ.

Secondly, we see in all churches more or less intelligent and devout members, who are now ready and willing to join in such union with their brethren of other denominations, and when occasion requires, they do this. If such a position has already been attained by some, why should it be thought impracticable by the majority? The tendency of the times is strongly in this direction —to bring evangelical Christians of different denominations nearer to each other; and such "drifting" we are glad to see. Those social and educational differences which once divided them, are fast passing away. Their theological differences are no longer made by each other the subjects of angry dispute, caricature and alienation. The union meetings for prayer and social intercourse, now so almost universal, are making them better acquainted with each other, assimilating them in spirit and form, and begetting in them a greater confidence in each other's piety. They are thus becoming more one, and learning that that which really makes them *Christian*—makes them one in Christ—is not the Shibboleth of sect, but the life of Christ in the soul.

Thirdly, we believe in such a union of churches and Christians of different evangelical denominations, as a *practical* thing, because we have seen it tried with success. We witnessed, some eleven years ago, under the influences of God's Spirit and a quickened religious life, the consolidation of a Methodist, a Baptist and a Congregational church, into one body. The union was conscientiously entered into, under the conviction *that it was impossible to sustain three churches in so small a community.* We have watched this case with great interest. And we venture to affirm, after eleven years' trial, that this church has been as harmonious during that period, as any other Congregational church in the state. We have seen, also, a new church organized in a community where there was no church—only scattered Christians of different beliefs—and where the prejudices of the people were particularly strong against our denomination, but where, under the subduing, enlightening and purifying influences of the Holy Spirit, all those prejudices melted away like frost before the rising sun; so that when a church was organized, members of five different denominations stood up before God, with new converts, and gave their assent to the same Articles of Faith, and entered into covenant with God and each other: the followers of Wesley and Calvin, the immersionist and the believer in sprinkling, extending to each other the hand of love and fellowship, and sitting together at the table of their common Lord. And so, for five years, they have walked in Christian love, keeping the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. Entering into that spirit of union

and charity, we have celebrated with them the Christian Sacraments, and have, when they have been without a minister, officiated in admitting members to their church, by immersion or sprinkling, according to their individual preference.

What therefore we believe to be the natural tendency and fruitage of the Christian religion in its freer and higher development; what we have seen with our eyes as actually realized, in some instances in no ways exceptional, leads us to look with hopefulness towards a future consolidation of feeble churches in our small towns. We do not expect to see this brought about suddenly, but gradually, in one place at a time, and that under the influences of God's spirit and providence, creating in the minds of the people a conviction of their *duty* thus to act, and giving to them the light and charity and grace needful to do it. Though our attachment to the Congregational polity is such as to lead us to feel that it furnishes the fairest and best basis for such union, yet we should expect that in each individual case the consolidated body would take the denominational form and name that the people themselves should agree upon.

We think it desirable that this matter be thoroughly discussed, so that the minds of Christian people may become familiarized with the idea of union; with the need of it in many communities; its practicability, and the many advantages to be derived from it.

It is desirable that the different denominations give their endorsement to it, so as to hasten on the day when it may be generally realized. When that day dawns our Home Missionary Work will be greatly simplified, and much that is now spent in our own state can go to the West. Our present duty undoubtedly is to sustain, with earnestness and efficiency, our feeble churches, giving them all the help needful, but looking for and hasting toward that better day, when the spirit of Christ shall so reign in the hearts of His people that they can labor, worship and commune together, and be recognized, both in heaven and on earth, as one in Christ Jesus.

For the Directors,

C. S. SMITH, *Secretary.*

RECEIPTS

OF THE

VT. DOMESTIC MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

For the Year Ending June 12, 1875.

	For Ordinary Department.	For Itinerant Department.	From Itinerant Fields.
ADDISON COUNTY.			
BRIDPORT,—Church and Society,	$56 00	$	$
CORNWALL,—Church and Society,		37 85	
CORNWALL,—Ladies' Cent Society,	20 09		
FERRISBURGH,—Mrs. L. A. Carpenter,	3 00		
MIDDLEBURY,—Ladies' Missionary Society,		58 00	
MIDDLEBURY,—Sabbath School,	22 05		
NEW HAVEN,—Church and Society,	77 50		
RIPTON,—Church and Society,	20 00		
SHOREHAM,—Church and Society,	25 00		
BENNINGTON COUNTY.			
EAST ARLINGTON,—Church and Society,	12 00		
BENNINGTON,—1st Church and Society,	28 00		
BENNINGTON,—2d Church and Society,	106 48		
DORSET,—Church and Society,	25 35		
MANCHESTER,—Church and Society,	27 60		
CALEDONIA COUNTY.			
BARNET,—Church and Society,	55 10		
EAST BURKE,—Church and Society,	13 00		
EAST HARDWICK,—Church and Society,	12 12		
PEACHAM,—Church and Society,	65 08		
ST. JOHNSBURY EAST,—Church and Society, to constitute Mr. P. Cheney and Mr. Albert Lee L. Ms. of A. H. M. S.,	40 00		
ST. JOHNSBURY,—North Church and Society,	176 28		
Hon. Horace Fairbanks,	250 00		
ST. JOHNSBURY,—South Church and Society,	301 47		
Mr. Thaddeus Fairbanks,		500 00	
ST. JOHNSBURY,—E. & T. Fairbanks & Co.,	$1,000		
WATERFORD,—Church and Society,	26 07		
CHITTENDEN COUNTY.			
BURLINGTON,—1st Church and Society,	197 56		
BURLINGTON,—3d Church and Society,	271 61		
CHARLOTTE,—Church and Society,	33 00		
COLCHESTER,—Church and Society,	15 00		
JERICHO CENTER,—Church and Society,	36 75		
JERICHO CENTER,—Ladies' Cent Society,		8 00	
JERICHO CENTER,—A Friend,	20 00		
UNDERHILL,—Ladies' Cent Society,		10 00	
WESTFORD,—Church and Society,	17 00		
WILLISTON,—Church and Society,	10 00		
ESSEX COUNTY.			
GRANBY,—Church and Society,	21 23		

	For Ordinary Department.	For Itinerant Department.	From Itinerant Fields.
FRANKLIN COUNTY.			
BAKERSFIELD,—Church and Society,	$ 2 70	$ 2 50	$
BERKSHIRE EAST,—Church and Society,	10 18	7 17	
ENOSBURGH,—Church and Society,	45 45	4 00	
FAIRFIELD,—Church and Society,	21 38		
GEORGIA,—Church and Society,	11 00	3 90	
HIGHGATE,—Church and Society,	22 00		
MONTGOMERY CENTER,—Church and Society,			58 00
ST. ALBANS,—1st Church and Society,	196 10	181 43	
SWANTON,—Church and Society	26 00	20 00	
SWANTON,—Ladies' Cent Society,		19 10	
SHELDON,—Church and Society,		10 00	
FRANKLIN AND GRAND ISLE,—Conference,		7 00	
LAMOILLE COUNTY.			
CAMBRIDGE,—Church and Society,			91 00
JOHNSON,—Church and Society,	13 20		
MORRISVILLE,—Church and Society,	9 40		
MORRISVILLE,—Appropriation returned,	50 00		
WATERVILLE,—Church and Society,	5 00		
WATERVILLE,—Friends,	5 00		
STOWE,—Church and Society,	15 15		
STOWE,—Ladies' Cent Society,		12 52	
ORANGE COUNTY.			
BRADFORD,—Church and Society, to constitute Dea. J. H. Sawyer and Mrs. G. L. Butler L. Ms. of the A. H. M. S.,	55 17		
BRADFORD,—Ladies' Cent Society, to constitute Mrs. Ann M. Prichard a L. M. of the A. H. M. S.,		31 17	
BRAINTREE,—Church and Society,	7 80		25 00
BRAINTREE EAST,—Church and Society,	6 00		
BROOKFIELD,—1st Church and Society,	20 20		
BROOKFIELD,—2d Church and Society,	15 60		
CHELSEA,—Church and Society,	20 64		
CORINTH,—Church and Society,	25 00		
NEWBURY,—Church and Society, to constitute W. R. Shedd a L. M. of the A. H. M. S.,	85 55		
NEWBURY,—Mrs. F. Keyes, to constitute Miss Hattie E. Keyes a L. M. of the V. D. M. S.,	20 00		
ORANGE,—Collection,			166 00
RANDOLPH,—Church and Society,	6 50		
RANDOLPH WEST,—Church and Society,	34 35		
STRAFFORD,—Church and Society,	20 03		
THETFORD,—Church and Society, to constitute Mrs. H. P. Closson a L. M. of the A. H. M. S.,	58 31		
TUNBRIDGE,—Church and Society,	11 35		
WELLS RIVER,—Church and Society,	32 35		
WEST FAIRLEE,—Church and Society,	16 50		
ORLEANS COUNTY.			
ALBANY,—Church and Society,	6 00		
BARTON,—Church and Society,	19 00		
BROWNINGTON,—Church and Society,	10 00		
CHARLESTON WEST,—Church and Society,	37 50		
COVENTRY,—Church and Society,	11 00		
GLOVER,—Church and Society,	33 00		
GREENSBORO,—Dea. M. Marshall,	5 00		
HOLLAND,—Church and Society,			105 00
IRASBURGH,—Church and Society,	20 00		
LOWELL,—Church and Society,	5 10		
TROY NORTH,—Church and Society,	5 00		
ORLEANS COUNTY,—Conference,	8 62		
RUTLAND COUNTY.			
CLARENDON,—Church and Society,	8 75		
DANBY,—Church and Society,	2 00		
FAIR HAVEN,—Welsh Church and Society,	8 00		
MIDDLETOWN,—Church and Society,	12 50		
PITTSFORD,—Church and Society,	50 00		
RUTLAND,—Church and Society,	103 53		
RUTLAND WEST,—Church and Society,	75 00		
RUTLAND WEST,—Sweedish Church and Society,			80 00
SUDBURY,—Church and Society,	18 00		

RUTLAND COUNTY—*Continued.*	For Ordinary Department.	For Itinerant Department.	From Itinerant Fields.
	$	$	$
WALLINGFORD,—Church and Society, of which $30.00 from A. W., to constitute Mrs. Justin Batcheller a L. M. of the A. H. M. S.,	89 50		
WALLINGFORD,—Ladies' Cent Society,		24 00	
WALLINGFORD,—Sabbath School,	5 00		
WASHINGTON COUNTY.			
BARRE,—Church and Society,	20 00		
BERLIN,—Church and Society,	10 30		
BERLIN WEST,—Church and Society,	30 00		
MARSHFIELD,—Church and Society,	27 50		
MONTPELIER,—Church and Society,	129 45		
MONTPELIER.—Sabbath School,	45 19		
NORTHFIELD.—Church and Society, to constitute Mr. O. D. Edgerton a L. M. of the A. H. M. S.,	36 28		
PLAINFIELD,—Church and Society,	10 00		
PLAINFIELD,—Rev. C. Redfield,	10 00		
WATERBURY,—Church and Society,	21 50		
WORCESTER,—Church and Society, to constitute Rev. W. Schofield a L. M. of the V. D. M. S.,	20 35		
WINDHAM COUNTY.			
BRATTLEBORO CENTER,—Church and Society,	194 40		
BRATTLEBORO West,—Church and Society,	89 01		
CAMBRIDGEPORT,—Rev. A. Foster,	10 00		
DOVER WEST.—Church and Society,	7 00		
DOVER CENTER,—Church and Society,	4 10		
DUMMERSTON,—Church and Society,	46 38		
DUMMERSTON,—Ladies' Cent Society,		12 46	
GUILFORD EAST,—Church and Society, $6.00; Mrs. Gould, $5.00,	11 00		
LONDONDERRY,—Church and Society, $10.00; Rev. E. C. Birge, $5.00,	15 00		
SAXTONS RIVER,—Church and Society, $4.00; E. H. P., $5.00,	9 00		
TOWNSHEND,—Church and Society,	18 50		
WARDSBORO SOUTH,—Church and Society,	5 00		
WESTMINSTER.—Church and Society,	15 00		
WESTMINSTER WEST —Church and Society,	68 54		
WILMINGTON,—Church and Society, $4.67; A Friend, $8.00,	12 67		
WINDHAM COUNTY,—Conference,		30 00	
WINDSOR COUNTY.			
ASCUTNEYVILLE,—Mrs. O. L. Gage,	5 00		
BETHEL,—Church and Society,	11 00		
BRIDGEWATER,—Church and Society,			52 00
HARTFORD,—Church and Society,	36 20		
LUDLOW.—Church and Society,	9 75		
NORWICH,—Church and Society,	67 34		
NORWICH,—Ladies' Cent Society,		12 00	
POMFRET,—Church and Society,	7 50		
QUECHEE,—Church and Society,	15 85		
ROYALTON.—Church and Society,	12 00		
SPRINGFIELD,—Church and Society, to constitute Mrs. Huldah Thomson a L. M. of the A. H. M. S.,	115 00		
SPRINGFIELD,—Mrs. B., $10.00; A Friend, $10.00,	20 00		
STOCKBRIDGE,—Church and Society,	30 00		
WESTON.—Church and Society,	20 00		
WINDSOR,—Church and Society,	18 07		
WOODSTOCK,—Church and Society,	136 18		
WOODSTOCK,—Ladies' Cent Society, to constitute Mrs. Lewis R. Hicks a L. M. of the V. D. M. S.,		25 00	
WINDSOR COUNTY,—Conference,		6 63	
OTHER RECEIPTS.			
Collection at the Annual Meeting, Northfield,	86 06		
Legacy of Mrs. Fanny F. Salisbury, West Randolph,	88 04		
Legacy of Mrs. Julia Pierce, Clarendon,	400 00		
Legacy of Hon. Erastus Fairbanks, St. Johnsbury,		500 00	
Loan paid by Treasurer of General Convention	34 00		
Dividends on R. R. Stock,	156 00		
Interest on State of Maine Bonds,	90 00		
Interest on State of New Hampshire Bonds,	30 00		
Interest on U. S. Bonds	45 99		
Notes paid and interest on notes,	1317 20		
Withdrawn from Savings Bank,	2500 00		

TREASURER'S REPORT.

J. C. EMERY, *Treasurer*,

In account with the VERMONT DOMESTIC MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

1874.	DEBIT.		
June 15.	To Balance cash on hand		$3,451 38
	To cash received from Legacies	$488 00	
	To cash received, collections, Notes and Interest	4,029 39	
	To cash received, contributions Ordinary Dept	6,127 23	
	To cash received, contributions Itinerant Dept	1,486 32	
	To cash received, contributions from Fields	670 00	
			$12,800 94
			$16,252 52

	CREDIT.	
By paid Secretary's orders, Ordinary Department	$5,531 95	
By paid Secretary's orders, Itinerant Department	2,025 67	
By paid Rev. C. S. Smith, salary	1,200 00	
By paid Rev. C. S. Smith, expenses	232 72	
By paid printing Minutes	169 86	
By paid reinvested funds	2,500 00	
By paid deposit, Savings Bank	3,000 00	
By Balance cash on hand	1,592 12	
		$16,252 32

MONTPELIER, June 14, 1875.

I have this day examined the foregoing account of J. C. EMERY, Treasurer of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society, for the year to this time, and find the same to correspond with the books, all the charges therein made being sustained by proper vouchers, showing a balance of cash in the treasury of $1,592 12. The permanent fund in the hands of the treasurer at this date is as follows:

Notes secured by mortgage on real estate	$6,524 69	
Court decree of foreclosure	892 98	
State of Maine bonds $1,500; State of N. H. bonds $500	2,000 00	
U. S. 5-20 bonds $700; C. & P. R. R. R. Co. bonds $1,500	2,200 00	
C. & P. R. R. R. Co. stock	2,200 00	
Montpelier Manufacturing Co. stock	600 00	
Deposit in Montpelier Savings Bank & Trust Co	3,000 00	
		$17,417 67

J. A. PAGE, Auditor.

ACKNOWLEDGED IN THE AMERICAN HOME MISSIONARY.

Receipts as acknowledged in the American Home Missionary during the year ending May 31, 1875, which have not passed through our Treasury.

June, 1874.	BELLOWS FALLS—H. F. King	$25 47
	BRATTLEBORO—Mrs. B. A. Van Doorn	100 00
	FAIR HAVEN—Levi Reed	2 00
	GEORGIA—Legacy of Mrs. S. G. Bliss	12 00
	PEACHAM—Mrs. D. S. Chamberlin	30 00
	SPRINGFIELD—A Friend	2 00
	STOWE—Friends	28 00
July.	EAST HARDWICK—Ladies	3 35
	FAIR HAVEN—Ladies	5 00
	NEWBURY—Ladies	5 00
	SPRINGFIELD—G. C. H.	10 00
September.	CASTLETON—W. C. Guernsey, Mrs. S. Perkins	20 00
October.	WELLS RIVER	26 40
November.	CASTLETON	16 50
December.	BENSON	12 50
	CHESTER	30 00
	NEWBURY—Mrs. F. and Miss E. A. Keyes	90 00
	PEACHAM—D. S. Chamberlin	60 00
	PITTSFORD	100 00
	ST. ALBANS	4 00
	SPRINGFIELD—J. C. Loveland	5 00
	THETFORD—Ladies	5 00
January, 1875.	COVENTRY—Legacy of G. Boynton	1000 00
	MIDDLEBURY—Bertha	5 00
	NORWICH—Miss A. A. Marsh	6 00
	PEACHAM—W. P. Alcott	5 00
	ST. ALBANS—Ladies	5 00
	SWANTON—Mrs. E. Stone	2 00
February.	BARNET—N. R. Nichols	1 00
	BENSON—Ladies	4 00
	NEW HAVEN—Ladies	5 00
	WEST WESTMINSTER—D. Goddard	10 00
	WINDSOR—Ladies	5 00
March.	BRISTOL—Legacy of J. G. Prime	500 00
	CHESTER—Dr. J. N. Moore	10 00
	GEORGIA—Mrs. M. J. Jackson	1 00
	NEWBURY—Ladies	5 00
	NEW HAVEN—Friends	50 00
	NORWICH—Miss A. A. Marsh	5 00
	ORWELL	35 00
	PUTNEY—Mrs. H. A. Foster	2 00
	BROOKFIELD—2d church	23 53
	BURLINGTON—Mrs. R. W. Francis	100 00
	SUTTON—Legacy of Mrs. L. B. Hyde	102 70
	WEST RUTLAND	46 00
May.	BENSON	10 00
	GEORGIA—L. M. Gilbert.	50
		$2,531 23

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†Mrs. Eunice Paige.

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Miss Laura Moore,
Solomon Stevens, Esq.

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Ephraim Taylor,
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Mrs. L. D. Smith,
Dea. J. S. Spaulding.

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Rev. Isaac Jennings.

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S. H. O. Bosworth,
Daniel Chandler,
W. D. Chandler,
Miss Lucy Dewey,
John H. Kimball,
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Lyman R. Hunt,
John Winslow.

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The Vermont Education Society held its Fifty-fifth Annual Meeting at Bennington, June 17, 1875. Rev. A. STEVENS, D. D., presided.

Prayer was offered by Rev. W. W. WINCHESTER.

The report of the Treasurer was read and accepted.

A brief report of the Directors was given by Rev. C. W. THOMPSON.

Brief addresses were made by Rev. Messrs. R. S. CUSHMAN, D. D., ALFRED STEVENS, D. D., JAMES ANDERSON, C. S. SMITH, J. COPELAND, and others.

A Committee appointed to nominate officers for the ensuing year reported,—which report was adopted and the officers declared elected, as follows:

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On motion adjourned. Attest,

C. W. THOMPSON, *Secretary*.

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Brattleboro, June 19, 1875.

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W. C..Without Charge.
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T.....Teacher.
M.....Missionary.
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Sec....Secretary.

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Cn.....Chittenden.
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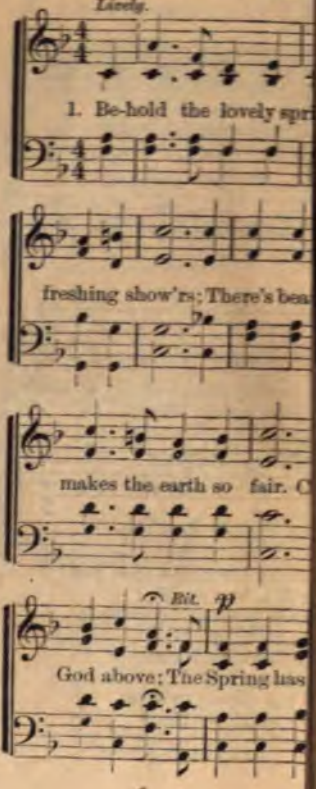

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FIFTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Vermont Domestic Missionary Society,

AND

FIFTY-SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

VERMONT EDUCATION SOCIETY.

MONTPELIER:
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ACT OF INCORPORATION.

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

SEC. 1. Jonathan Clement, H. F. Leavitt, Aldace Walker, Harvey D. Kitchell, M. H. Buckham, William H. Lord, Charles S. Smith, Alfred Stephens, Joseph Chandler, Joseph Torrey, Julius Converse, Franklin Fairbanks, John A. Page, L. L. Dutcher, James W. Hickok, and their associates, who shall be the members of the General Convention of Congregational Ministers and Churches of Vermont, and which members shall continue such associates for one year from the time of the adjournment of the Convention of which they are members, and till others become members in their stead, are hereby constituted a corporation and body politic by the name of the General Convention of Congregational Ministers and Churches of Vermont; and by that name may sue and be sued; may have a common seal; and shall have all the rights, powers, and privileges of a corporation, for the purpose of receiving, taking care of and managing all funds, property and money which has heretofore, or may hereafter, come to the care, control, management, custody, or ownership of said Convention, or any trustee, officer, or person for said Convention, by whatever form or mode said funds, property, or money may have been, or may hereafter be conveyed, given, transferred, bequeathed or devised to such Convention, or to the denominations of Christians called and known by the name of Congregationalists, or any branch thereof.

SEC. 2. The first meeting of said corporation shall be called by two or more of the persons named in the first section of this act, and which meeting shall be at the time and place of the next General Convention of Congregational Ministers and Churches of Vermont, a notice of which meeting shall be published at least three successive weeks in the *Vermont Chronicle*, published at Windsor, Vermont.

SEC. 3 At said meeting and all other annual meetings of said corporation shall be chosen a president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and five trustees, who shall hold their respective offices one year, and till others are chosen or appointed.

SEC. 4. The president, vice-president, and secretary shall respectively perform the offices usually performed by such officers,

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and such as may be imposed upon them by the by-laws. The secretary also shall call all meetings under the direction of the trustees, and also when at least three members shall, in writing, request a special meeting to be called. All meetings of the corporation shall be called and notified by publishing the same in one or more newspapers in the State, one of which shall be the *Vermont Chronicle*, unless otherwise ordered by the by-laws of the corporation, or by the trustees. The treasurer, except where otherwise ordered by the corporation, shall receive all moneys, funds, property and assets of every description belonging to, entrusted, or in any way committed to the care or custody of the corporation, and be responsible for the same, and shall disburse, pay over and deliver, as shall from time to time be ordered by the trustees or a majority of them; he shall at least once a year make a full and true statement and report of the financial condition of the corporation, therein designating the kind or class of funds, and for what purpose donated, bequeathed or held; he shall also exhibit all books, vouchers and papers to said trustees whenever requested by them, and shall furnish statements and copies when ever requested by them upon reasonable notice; he shall, if requested by the trustees, give bonds with sufficient surities to the acceptance of the trustees, for the faithful discharge of his duties as treasurer. Whenever a vacancy shall happen in the office of treasurer, such vacancy shall be supplied by appointment of the trustees till the next annual meeting of the corporation, or till appointed by vote of the corporation. The trustees shall have the general oversight of the interests and prudential affairs of the corporation; shall see that all funds, moneys, and other property are faithfully preserved, taken care of, and administered as shall be most for the interest of the corporation, and in accordance with the wishes of testators and donors; they shall perform all acts and discharge all duties not assigned to any other officer by the articles of association, or by the by-laws made in pursuance thereof. If any vacancy shall occur in the board of trustees, such vacancy shall be supplied by appointment by the surviving trustees till an election by the corporation.

SEC. 5. At any annual meeting of the corporation, by-laws may be established or altered, not inconsistent with this charter or the laws of this State.

SEC. 6. This act shall be under the control of any future legislature, and shall take effect from its passage.

Approved, November 21, 1872.

Adopted by the Convention, June 18, 1873.

CONSTITUTION.

OBJECT.

ART. 1. The object of the Convention is to promote the harmony, fellowship and efficiency of the churches, and their co-operation in Christian work.

DOCTRINAL STANDARD.

ART. 2. The Convention receives as articles of faith the doctrines of Christianity as they are for substance stated in the Declaration of Faith of the Boston Council of 1865; these doctrines are understood by us to be those which from the beginning have been received by the Congregational Churches of New England.

COMPOSITION OF THE CONVENTION.

ART. 3. Every association of ministers in the State receiving these doctrines is entitled to two delegates in the Convention; each association having eight ordained resident ministers, three delegates; and for every four additional members, an additional delegate. Every County Conference of Churches receiving the same faith is entitled to three delegates, one of whom may be a minister. The minister of the parish where the meeting is held, appointees of the previous meeting who perform the duties assigned them, members of boards appointed by the Convention, and officers of benevolent societies whose annual meetings are held in connection with the meetings of the Convention, shall be members.

OFFICERS.

ART. 4. The officers of the Convention as prescribed by the act of incorporation are a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and five Trustees, to be chosen annually, and to hold their respective offices from the final adjournment of the meeting at which they are chosen to the close of the next annual meeting. There shall also be appointed at each annual meeting, two or more boards of five each, to have the care of funds or any valuable interests entrusted to the Convention for the ensuing year, a Scribe, Assistant Scribe, and an Auditor of the accounts of the

Treasurer of the Convention and of the several boards having the management of funds, to serve at and during the meeting at which they are appointed; and once in five years, commencing with 1875, there shall also be appointed a Corresponding Secretary for the Convention, and Reporters of Statistics, and Receivers of Assesments for the several Conferences of Churches.

DUTIES OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

ART. 5. It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary, at the proper time, to furnish the Reporters with a copy of the schedule prepared for collecting statistics under the direction of the Convention; to arrange the statistical parts of the reports when returned, for publication; and, from the facts reported, to present to the Convention during its session a condensed account of the state and progress of religion in the churches during the year

DUTIES OF REPORTERS.

ART. 6. It shall be the duty of the Reporters, each for his own Conference, to make report for the year ending the first Sabbath of May, agreeably to the blank schedule furnished them. These reports shall be forwarded to the Corresponding Secretary at least two weeks previous to the meeting of the Convention. In case of the absence of any Reporter, the duty of reporting shall devolve on the Register of the Conference.

TIME OF MEETING.

ART. 7. The Convention shall meet annually on the third Tuesday of June, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

AMENDMENTS.

ART. 8. These articles shall not be altered except at an annual meeting and by vote of two-thirds of the members present.

Adopted June 17, 1874.

RULES OF BUSINESS AND ORDER.

1. To facilitate the preparing of the roll, members of the Convention are required to hand their certificates of membership to the Secretary, or to the Minister of the parish, as soon as practicable after reaching the place of meeting. No person shall be enrolled without credentials, unless by vote of the Convention.

2. The annual meeting of the Convention shall be opened with a sermon. At the close of the sermon the President, or in his absence the Vice President, shall take the chair, lead in prayer, call for the reading of the roll, and for the election of a Scribe and Assistant Scribe, when the docket of business prepared by the Secretary shall be read. In the absence of both President and Vice President, the Secretary shall call the meeting to order, and after reading the roll, shall call for the election of a President *pro tempore*, who shall be chosen by ballot, and shall preside till the President or Vice President shall arrive, or till the close of the session.

3. The stated public exercises after the organization shall be as follows:

Tuesday Afternoon.—Report of the Corresponding Secretary on the state of religion; and reports of delegates from bodies with which we are in correspondence.

Tuesday Evening.—Discussion—introduced by the brethren appointed. Those opening the discussion are limited to twenty minutes each, and those following to ten minutes.

Wednesday Morning.—Anniversary of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society.

Wednesday Afternoon.—Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, to be followed by an essay.

Wednesday Evening.—Anniversary of the Vermont Education Society, and addresses by representatives of such of our co-operative benevolent societies as the Convention by special vote may admit.

Thursday Evening.—Business meeting of the Convention and Sabbath School Anniversary.

4. The Committees to be appointed at each meeting are as follows: A Business Committee, through which all business not

provided for in the Docket shall be brought before the Convention. A Nominating Committee, to nominate the officers provided for in the Act of Incorporation and in the Constitution, and the delegates to corresponding bodies. A Finance Committee, to make assessments upon the Conferences. A Committee on Devotional Exercises, of which the Minister of the parish shall be the chairman. A Committee of Arrangements for the next annual meeting, whose duty it shall be to recommend the place for such meeting, nominate the preacher and substitute, select topics for the discussion and essay, and nominate persons to open the discussion and prepare the essay, with substitutes for each. These and all other committees, unless the Convention shall otherwise order, are to be nominated by the presiding officer in connection with the Secretary.

5. The meetings of the Convention each morning shall be opened with prayer, when the Scribe shall call the roll of members and read the minutes of the preceding day.

6. The President shall preserve order and decorum in the body, and when he takes part in any discussion shall leave the chair and address the Secretary.

7. No person shall speak more than twice upon any question, except by unanimous consent and after every other member who desires shall have spoken; and then the mover in the matter pending shall be permitted to speak in reply.

8. Every motion, except for adjournment, shall be reduced to writing if the President or any two members desire it. No motion shall be acted on till seconded.

9. If any member in debating or otherwise shall transgress the rules of order or of propriety, the President shall by his own authority, or at the request of any member, call him to order; and if a question shall arise concerning his being in order, it shall be decided without debate by an appeal to the body.

10. When two or more persons rise to speak at once, the President shall name the one who is first to speak.

11. No motion committed to writing shall be finally decided upon until it shall have had three several readings, if any member calls for it.

12. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received but to adjourn, to lay on the table, for the previous question, to postpone to a stated time, to commit, to amend, or to postpone indefinitely, which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are here arranged. On a motion for ad-

journment, for laying on the table, for indefinite postponement, or for the previous question, there shall be no debate.

13. If the report of a committee contains only matters of fact for information, or of argument for the consideration of the Convention, the question is, *Shall the report be accepted?* And that question, unless superceded by a motion to reject, to recommit, to postpone or to lay on the table, shall be taken *without debate.* Such report, if accepted, is placed upon the files of the Convention, but not entered on the Minutes.

14. If a report is in, or terminates with the form of a vote, resolution, or declaration expressing the judgment or testimony of the Convention, the question shall then be taken on the *adoption* of the report. If adopted, the vote, resolution or declaration is entered on the Minutes.

15. On the report of a Treasurer of a Board of Trustees or Directors, or of a Committee or other agent empowered to act for the Convention, the question is, *Shall the report be accepted and approved?* which question may be divided if a division is called for.

16. Members who may find it necessary to leave before the close of the meeting are expected to give notice of the fact to the President.

17. If it becomes necessary to change the place of the annual meeting, it shall be the duty of the Secretary, in consultation with the President and Vice President, to select a place.

These By-laws and Rules shall not be subject to alteration except by the consent of two thirds of the members present at an annual meeting.

Approved, June 17 and 18, 1874.

THE GENERAL CONVENTION.

TIME OF MEETING.

DOCTRINAL STANDARD AND MEMBERSHIP.

The Convention meets on the third Tuesday in June, annually. Its doctrinal standard is the Declaration of Faith of the Boston Council of 1865. It is constituted as follows:

Every Association in the State holding this faith may send two delegates, and if it has eight ordained resident ministers, it may send three, and an additional delegate for every additional four members. Every County Conference of like faith may send three delegates, one of whom may be a minister. The Permanent Officers of the Convention, the Preacher, Minister of the Parish where the Convention is held, Appointees of the previous meeting who perform the duties assigned them, Members of Boards appointed by the Convention, and Officers of Benevolent Societies whose annual meetings are held in connection with the meetings of the Convention, are Members *ex officiis*. The Officers of the Convention are chosen annually except the Corresponding Secretary, who is elected for five years, the next election being in 1880. The Vermont Domestic Missionary Society and the Vermont Education Society hold their Anniversaries in connection with the meeting of this Convention.

OFFICERS, COMMITTEES,

AND

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE NEXT ANNUAL MEETING.

OFFICERS OF THE GENERAL CONVENTION.

President—REV. C. B. HULBERT, D. D., Middlebury.

Vice President—D. M. CAMP, ESQ., Newport.

Secretary—REV. JOSEPH CHANDLER, West Brattleboro.

Treasurer—J. C. EMERY, ESQ., Montpelier.

Trustees—THADDEUS FAIRBANKS, Esq., Rev. ALDACE WALKER, D. D., Hon. JOHN A. PAGE, Rev. A. STEVENS, D. D., and JAMES W. HICKOK, Esq.

Secretary of Sunday Schools—Rev. R. T. HALL, Pittsford.

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES.

Fairbanks Board of Education—Rev. E. T. FAIRBANKS, Rev. ALDACE WALKER, D. D., Rev. HENRY FAIRBANKS, J. C. EMERY, Esq., Rev. C. W. THOMPSON.

Fairbanks Board for the Relief of Ministers—THADDEUS FAIRBANKS, Esq., J. G. STIMSON, Esq., C. F. THOMPSON, Esq., Rev. E. P. HOOKER, Dea. CHAS. WYMAN.

REPORTERS AND RECEIVERS.

Addison Conference—Rev. E. P. Hooker; *Bennington Conference*—Rev. R. S. Cushman, D. D.; *Caledonia Conference*—Rev. C. W. Thompson; *Chittenden Conference*—Rev. C. C. Torrey; *Essex Conference*—Rev. C. Duren; *Franklin and Grand Isle Conference*—Rev. A. B. Swift; *Lamoille Conference*—Rev. V. M. Hardy; *Orange Conference*—Rev. S. L. Bates; *Orleans Conference*—Rev. E. P. Wild; *Rutland Conference*—Rev. R. T. Hall; *Washington Conference*—Rev. W. S. Hazen; *Windham Conference*—Rev. C. H. Merrill; *Windsor Conference*—Rev. C. W. Clark.

DELEGATES TO OTHER BODIES.

To Vermont Methodist Episcopal Conference—Rev. L. H. Elliot. Substitute, Rev. S. L. Bates.

To the Vermont Baptist Convention—Rev. S. Knowlton. Substitute, Rev. W. W. Winchester.

To the Free Baptist Yearly Meeting—Rev. R. T. Hall. Substitute, Rev. J. K. Williams.

NEXT ANNUAL MEETING.

Place—Bradford, June 19, 1877.

Preacher—Rev. G. B. Safford. Substitute, Rev. C. W. Thompson.

Discussion—Methods of Terminating Church Membership. Primaries, Rev. L. O. Brastow, Rev. W. W. Winchester. Substitutes, Rev. C. Van Norden, Rev. R. T. Searl.

Essay—Systematic Beneficence. Primary, Rev. C. S. Smith. Substitute, Rev. E. T. Fairbanks.

OFFICERS OF THE VERMONT DOMESTIC MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

President—HON. J. W. STEWART, Middlebury.
Vice President—REV. L. H. ELLIOT, Bradford.
Secretary—REV. C. S. SMITH, Montpelier.
Treasurer—J. C. EMERY, ESQ., Montpelier.

OFFICERS OF THE EDUCATION SOCIETY.

President—M. H. BUCKHAM, Burlington.
Vice Presidents—Rev. C. B. HULBERT, D. D., and Rev. H. T. FULLER.
Secretary—Rev. AUSTIN HAZEN, Jericho.
Treasurer—C. F. THOMPSON, ESQ., Brattleboro.

MINUTES.

THE GENERAL CONVENTION OF CONGREGATIONAL MINISTERS AND CHURCHES OF VERMONT met with the Congregational Church of Barton, June 20, 1876.

At 10 o'clock, A. M., the opening sermon was preached by Rev. J. G. HALE from Ps. xlviii : 12, 13. Subject,—"The Beginnings and Growth of Congregationalism in Vermont."

The President, Deacon C. F. THOMPSON, called the Convention to order and offered prayer.

The Secretary then read the roll of delegates who had presented their credentials, the names of members *ex officiis*, and the docket of business.

The following delegates presented their credentials and were enrolled as members :

Addison Association — Rev. S. W. MAGILL, D. D., Rev. W. W. WINCHESTER.

Bennington Association —

Caledonia Association — Rev. A. W. WILD, Rev. W. P. BENNETT, Rev. J. P. HUMPHREY, Rev. M. H. WELLS.

Lamoille Association —

Montpelier Association — Rev. J. H. BABBITT, Rev. L. TENNEY, Rev. WILLIAM S. HAZEN, Rev. C. M. WINCH.

North-Western Association — Rev. E. W. HATCH, Rev. R. HICKS.

Orange Association — Rev. S. L. BATES, Rev. L. H. ELLIOT.

Orleans Association — Rev. E. P. WILD, Rev. W. P. ALCOTT, Rev. S. K. B. PERKINS, Rev. J. BOARDMAN.

Royalton Association — Rev. C. B. DRAKE, D. D., Rev. C. W. CLARK.

Rutland Association — Rev. N. P. GILBERT.

White River Association — Rev. S. I. BRIANT, Rev. JONATHAN CLEMENT, D. D.

Windham Association — Rev. J. B. BALDWIN, Rev. A. B. EMMONS.

Windsor Association — Rev. R. T. SEARLE, Rev. R. D. MILLER.

Winooski Association — Rev. C. C. TORREY, Rev. GEORGE B. SAFFORD, Rev. J. E. GOODRICH, Rev. C. M. SEATON.

Addison Conference —

Bennington Conference — Dea. T. J. PRESCOTT.

Caledonia Conference — Rev. B. S. ADAMS, Bro. BLISS N. DAVIS, Bro. GEORGE MAY.

Chittenden Conference — Rev. L. O. BRASTOW, Dea. W. S. WHITCOMB.

Essex Conference — Dea. GEORGE A. APPLETON.

Franklin and Grand Isle Conference — Rev. C. P. WATSON, Dea. S. M. HULBERT, Bro. JOHN A. BEDARD.

Lamoille Conference — Rev. G. H. FRENCH, Dea. C. F. WHITNEY, Dea. C. FRENCH.

Orange Conference — Rev. C. F. MORSE, Dea. JOSEPH ATKINSON, Bro. J. T. QUIMBY.

Orleans Conference — Rev. W. T. HERRICK, Bro. S. H. HOWARD, Bro. EDWARD A. STEWART.

Rutland Conference —

Washington Conference — Rev. CHARLES REDFIELD, Bro. S. P. JOSLIN, Bro. H. D. HOPKINS.

Windham Conference —

Windsor Conference — Rev. BEZALEEL SMITH, Dea. A. BROWN.

MEMBERS EX OFFICIIS.

President — Dea. Charles F. Thompson.

Secretary — Rev. J. Chandler.

Corresponding Secretary—Rev. P. S. Pratt.

Treasurer — J. C. Emery.

Preacher — Rev. J. G. Hale.

Minister of the Parish — Rev. Austin Dodge.

Secretary of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society — Rev. C. S. Smith.

Secretary of the Vermont Education Society — Rev. A. Hazen.

Sunday-School Secretary — Rev. P. B. Fisk.

Trustees of the Convention — Thaddeus Fairbanks, Esq., Rev. A. Walker, D. D., Rev. A. Stevens, D. D.

Fairbanks Board of Education — Rev. E. T. Fairbanks, Rev. Henry Fairbanks, Rev. C. W. Thompson.

Fairbanks Board for Relief of Ministers — Rev. E. P. Hooker, J. G. Stimson, Esq.

Sustentation — Rev. J. G. Johnson.

Delegate from the Free-Will Baptist Yearly Meeting — Rev. W. L. Noyes.

The Convention elected Rev. W. W. Winchester, *Scribe*, and Rev. A. B. Emmons, *Assistant Scribe*, and Mr. J. E. Skinner was appointed *Auditor of Accounts*.

The President named the following committees, which were elected:

Business Committee — Rev. C.W. Thompson, Rev. Austin Hazen, Dea. A. Brown.

Devotional Exercises — Rev. Austin Dodge, Rev. Alfred Stevens, D. D., Rev. E. P. Wild.

The hours of meeting were fixed as follows; at 9 A. M., 2 P. M., and 7:30 P. M. for meeting; 12 M. and 5 P. M. for adjournment.

The Convention adjourned until 2 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Opened with prayer by Rev. R. T. Searle.

The President nominated the following committees, which were elected:

Committee of Arrangements for Next Meeting — Rev. J. G. Johnson, Rev. W. S. Hazen, Rev. L. H. Elliot, Rev. C. F. Morse, Bro. Geo. May.

Committee of Nomination — Rev. Aldace Walker, D. D., Rev. A. W. Wild, Rev. G. H. French.

Rev. J. G. Johnson, Chairman of the Pastoral Sustentation Board, made a report, closing with the following resolution, which was adopted:—

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed by the President, to consider what action shall be taken by the Convention in regard to the Sustentation Plan, and, if it shall be thought best, to

discontinue its operation by an independent committee; to consult with the officers of the Domestic Missionary Society, and to advise what features of it can be perpetuated in the working of that organization, and that they report on Wednesday morning.

The following were appointed such Committee:—Rev. Dr. C. B. Drake, Rev. J. G. Johnson, Rev. Henry Fairbanks, Rev. J. G. Hale, Rev. R. T. Searle.

Sustentation Fund in account with C. F. Thompson, Treasurer

DEBIT.

Cash paid Church in Weston, Rev. R. Samuel, in full.....	$100 00
" " " " Barnet, Rev. N. R. Nichols, in full, April 1, 1876.....	200 00
Cash paid Church in W. Dover, Rev. H. H. Olds, in full, April 1, 1876.....	250 00
Cash paid Church in Strafford, Rev. H. Cummings, to Feb. 1876.....	150 00
Cash paid Church in Wilmington, Rev. A. C. Field, to Oct. 4, 1875.....	150 00
Cash paid Church in Glover, Rev. S. K. B. Perkins, to Aug. 1875.....	52 00
	$902 00

CREDIT.

By balance on hand June 19, 1875.....		$120 06
Received from church in W. Dover, (con. 7).....	$25 00	
" " " " Strafford, (con. 7).....	35 00	
		60 00
" " " " Springfield.....	41 75	
" " " " W. Randolph.....	7 50	
" " " " W. Westminster	15 00	
" " " " Benson.....	5 00	
" " 1st church, St. Albans.....	84 35	
" " church in Castleton.....	4 00	
" " " " Bridport.....	18 00	
" " " " Peacham.....	25 50	
" " " " Chester.....	7 32	
" " " " West Brattleboro.....	16 25	
" " " " Wallingford.....	24 00	
" " " " Norwich.....	8 00	
" " " " Fair Haven.....	11 10	
" " " " Bellows Falls.....	12 50	
" " " " Manchester.....	13 55	
" " " " Northfield.....	5 00	
" " " " Pittsford.....	11 00	
" " Centre church, Brattleboro.....	85 67	
" " South " St. Johnsbury.....	114 11	
" " North " " "	47 92	
" " church in Middlebury.....	15 06	
" " " " Rutland.....	132 00	

Received from church in Danville				$10 00	
"	"	"	" Barnet	5 00	
"	"	"	" Royalton	18 00	
"	"	"	" Saxton River, E. H. P.	5 00	
					742 58
					$922 64

Barton, Vt., June 20, 1876.

This day examined the above account and found the same to be correct. J. E. SKINNER, *Auditor.*

After singing, Rev. P. S. Pratt, Corresponding Secretary, presented his report, after which the Convention sang "Coronation," and prayer was offered by Rev. Dr. Aldace Walker.

On motion of J. G. Hale, it was voted that the Report of the Corresponding Secretary be accepted and published in the minutes.

Rev. E. T. Fairbanks, delegate to the Vermont Methodist Episcopal Conference, reported.

A brother present reported that Rev. C. Van Norden, as delegate, attended the Vermont Baptist Convention, and was cordially received.

On invitation, Rev. Archibald Duff, of Sherbrooke, P. Q., presented the salutations of the Congregational Union of Canada; and a brief response was made by the President.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises reported through Dr. A. Stevens.

Report was made by Rev. Henry Fairbanks in behalf of the Fairbanks Board of Education, which was accepted, as follows:—

FAIRBANKS EDUCATION BOARD.

The Treasurer charges himself with balance on hand June 1, 1875	$597 00	
Interest on investments	638 17	
		$1,235 17
And credits himself with paid orders of students aided	$710 00	
Leaving balance to new acct. May 31, 1876	525 17	
		$1,235 17

Nine students have been aided; two of them are now in college, and seven remain upon our list. These are all young men of excellent spirit and ability. Some other applications have recently been received, so that the Treasurer's balance on hand is likely to be reduced.

EDW. T. FAIRBANKS,
HENRY FAIRBANKS, *Treas.*

Rev. E. P. Hooker reported for the Fairbanks Board for the Relief of Ministers and Relief of Widows and Orphans. The report was accepted, and was as follows:

To the General Convention of Congregational Ministers and Churches of Vermont:

The Fairbanks Board for the Relief of Ministers find pleasure in submitting the following Report:

The year has been one of unusual financial prosperity. The balance in the treasury is larger than ithas ever been before, and larger than can be reasonably anticipated again. Quite as much as the average for the past five years has been devoted to benevolent uses—$650.00 to beneficiaries, and $50.00 to widows and orphans; total $700.96. There is cash in the treasury $1,039.24. The efforts of the Treasurer seem to have been providentially owned: $332.44 has come in from the will of a former beneficiary; another has paid back $100, having returned previously $300; $425.47 has been received from the foreclosure of the mortgage on the Somerville farm.

The fund is in excellent condition. This trust, we are confident, must come into higher and higher honor. It ministers not only to Christ's poor, but to those who have spent the strength of their lives in his service and in that of the churches. Many of them are poor because they would make others rich.

The widows and orphans have been but meagerly remembered. Only two churches have reported a collection for this object—the 3d Congregational Church of Burlington and the Church of Peacham. The Board would suggest whether there is not need of greater thoughtfulness concerning that class whom the departed husbands and fathers have been encouraged to leave to the care of the Head of the Church. E. P. HOOKER.

Moneys received for Widows and Orphans,
In account with J. G. STIMSON, *Treasurer.*

1875.	CREDIT.	
Aug. 30.	By 3d Church of Burlington	$10 00
Nov. 25.	By Church in Peacham	14 04
June '76.	From Fairbanks Fund for Ministers	50 96
		$75 00

1875.	DEBIT.	
Nov. 24.	To appropriation to Mrs. Pearsons	$75 00

J. G. STIMSON, *Treas.*

Norwich, June 20, 1876.

BARTON, Vt., June 21st, 1876.

This day examined the above account, and find it correct.
J. E. SKINNER, *Auditor.*

Fairbanks Fund for Relief of Ministers,
In account with J. G. STIMSON.

1875.	CREDIT.	
June 16.	By balance in treasury, as per Auditor's rep't	$225 79
Sept. 17.	Interest on Somerville Notes, over due	424 47
Oct. 12.	Rev. C. B. Drake paid back to Fund	100 00
Dec. 23.	Thos. and S. Kennedy, int. on Notes, &c.	177 00

1876.			
April 1.	J. Somerville,	int. on notes, &c	$180 00
4.	A. J. Barber,	" "	90 00
7.	J. Bass,	" "	180 00
25.	A. Stone,	" "	30 00
May 16.	Estate of the late Rev. S. Williams.....		332 94
			$1,740 20

1875 & 6. DEBIT.

	To appropriation to 7 beneficiaries...	$650 00	
June 17, '76.	Paid to account of Widows and Orphans.....	50 96	
20.	Cash in treasury.....	1,039 24	
			$1,740 20

J. G. STIMSON, *Treas.*

Norwich, June 20, 1876.

BARTON, June 20th, 1876.

This day examined the above account, and find the same to be correct. J. E. SKINNER, *Auditor.*

Rev. Dr. C. B. Drake moved that a copy of Bro. Hale's sermon be requested for publication in the minutes; and it was so voted.

The following resolution, presented by Rev. J. H. Babbitt, was adopted :—

Resolved, That the Business Committee be instructed to prepare a resolution, expressing to the Centennial Commission, the sympathy of this Convention with the decision regarding the observance of the Sabbath during the Centennial Exhibition.

Rev. A. W. Wild presented a resolution relative to the so called "Gospel Work," which after discussion and reference to the Business Committee, was subsequently adopted, as follows :—

In view of the results of another year of gospel work,

Resolved, That we gratefully recognize the hand of the Lord, and rejoice in the manifestation of His saving power; also that we repeat our former commendation of this method of Christian work and assure the Committee of our hearty sympathy and earnest endeavors to induce our churches to furnish their liberal share with sister churches of the funds needed for the work.

The Convention adjourned.

EVENING SESSION.

was opened by singing, followed by prayer by Rev. Dr. A. Stevens.

The President appointed the following Committees, and they were duly elected :

Committee on Finance—Hon. E. A. Stewart, H. D. Hopkins, Esq., Bro. George May.

Rev. W. L. Noyes presented the salutations of the Free Baptist Yearly Meeting, and was answered by responses from the President and Rev. W. T. Herrick.

Discussion, The Relation of the Churches of the State to our Educational Institutions. Opened by Prof. J. E. Goodrich, followed by Rev. A. Duff, Rev. B. Smith, Rev. G. B. Safford, Rev. Dr. Stevens, Rev. J. Boardman.

After singing, the Convention adjourned.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

A prayer-meeting, held at 6 A. M., was conducted by Rev. S. L. Bates, and a devotional meeting, conducted by Rev. J. G. Johnson, was held at 8:30 A. M.

Convention met for business at 9 A. M.

Prayer was offered by Rev. A. Duff.

After calling the roll the minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The committee to whom the report of the Pastoral Sustentation Board was referred reported, through Rev. Dr. Drake and Rev. J. G. Johnson, as follows:

The Committee appointed to consider what action should be taken in regard to the Sustentation Plan advise that the effort to sustain it as an independent organization be discontinued, and the Sustentation Committee be discharged.

But they believe that there are features of the Sustentation Plan which it is very desirable to preserve.

They therefore advise that the Domestic Missionary Society shall hereafter pledge, to such churches as they shall decide to assist, an additional amount of from twenty to fifty per cent., if they will install their pastor.

They advise that the Domestic Missionary Society shall require of all churches, to which they give this additional aid, regular quarterly payment of salary, before the aid of the Domestic Missionary Society shall be forwarded; and also that they shall require of such churches an annual contribution to at least four of the benevolent societies which are commended to the Congregational churches.

On the 14th of August next, the time will cease during which assistance has been pledged. The Sustentation Committee at this time lack eighty dollars of the amount sufficient to discharge their obligations.

The committee advise that if any pledges remain unmet, at the expiration of the time for which they were made, the Domestic Missionary Society shall be asked to assume them.

The report was accepted and adopted.

Rev. Dr. Walker, for the Committee of Nomination, reported a list of officers for the ensuing year.

It was voted that so much of the report as related to the Sunday School Secretary be referred back to the Committee.

The remainder of the Report was adopted, as follows:

President—REV. C. B. HULBERT, D. D.

Vice President—D. M. CAMP, ESQ.

Secretary—REV. JOSEPH CHANDLER.

Treasurer—J. C. EMERY, ESQ.

Trustees—THADDEUS FAIRBANKS, Esq., Rev. A. WALKER, D. D., Hon. JOHN A. PAGE, Rev. A. STEVENS, D. D. and JAMES W. HICKOK, Esq.

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES.

Fairbanks Board of Education—Rev. E. T. FAIRBANKS, Rev. ALDACE WALKER, D. D., Rev. HENRY FAIRBANKS, J. C. EMERY, Esq., Rev. C. W. THOMPSON.

Fairbanks Board for the Relief of Ministers—THADDEUS FAIRBANKS, Esq., J. G. STIMSON, Esq., C. F. THOMPSON, Esq., Rev. E. P. HOOKER, Dea. CHAS. WYMAN.

DELEGATES TO OTHER BODIES.

To Vermont M. E. Conference—Rev. L. H. ELLIOT. Substitute, Rev. S. L. BATES.

To Vermont Baptist Convention—Rev. S. KNOWLTON. Substitute, Rev. W. W. WINCHESTER.

To the F. W. Baptist Yearly Meeting—Rev. R. T. HALL. Substitute, Rev. J. K. WILLIAMS.

REPORTERS AND RECEIVERS.

Addison Conference—Rev. E. P. Hooker; *Bennington Conference*—Rev. R. S. Cushman, D. D.; *Caledonia Conference*—Rev. C. W. Thompson; *Chittenden Conference*—Rev. C. C. Torrey; *Essex Conference*—Rev. C. Duren; *Franklin and Grand Isle Conference*—Rev. A. B. Swift; *Lamoille Conference*—Rev. V. M. Hardy; *Orange Conference*—Rev. S. L. Bates; *Orleans Conference*—Rev. E. P. Wild; *Rutland Conference*—Rev. R. T. Hall; *Windham Conference*—Rev. C. H. Merrill; *Windsor Conference*—Rev. C. W. Clark; *Washington Conference*—Rev. W. S. Hazen.

The Convention adjourned to give place to the annual meeting of The Vermont Domestic Missionary Society.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

The sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered by Rev. C. B. Drake, D. D., and Rev. M. H. Wells.

At the close of this service the Convention was called to order and listened to an Essay by Rev. P. B. Fisk on "The Utilizing of the Lay Element in the Churches."

After which, to accommodate the missionary meeting of the Vermont Branch of the Woman's Board, the Convention adjourned to the vestry.

On motion of Rev. Henry Fairbanks, No. 4 of the rules made by the General Convention in 1856 to govern the "Trustees of the Fairbanks Boards" was altered, so as to read as follows:

"The Trustees shall invest the same only upon unincumbered real estate, worth twice the amount so secured thereon, exclusive of buildings; or in United States Government bonds; or in state, city, or town bonds of unquestioned validity and value."

The Committee on Finance made their report, which was accepted and adopted, viz:

To the General Convention:

Your Committee on Finance would report the following apportionment of the assessment of $400.

Addison Conference	$40
Bennington Conference	20
Caledonia Conference	42
Chittenden Conference	32
Essex and Coos Conference	5

Franklin and Grand Isle Conference	$25
Lamoille Conference	9
Orange Conference	42
Orleans Conference	25
Rutland Conference	42
Washington Conference	28
Windham Conference	40
Windsor Conference	50
	$400

E. A. STEWART,
H. D. HOPKINS,
GEO. W. MAY,
Committee.

The Report of the Treasurer was presented and approved as follows:

J. C. EMERY, *Treasurer*, IN ACCOUNT WITH
The General Convention of Ministers and Churches of Vermont.

1875.				
June 16,	To cash on hand			$82 87
"	"	Bennington Conference	$16 00	
"	"	Addison Conference	32 00	
"	"	Rutland Conference	36 00	
"	"	Chittenden Conference	25 00	
"	"	Orleans Conference	17 00	
June 19,	"	Granby Church	1 06	
Aug. 6,	"	Lamoille Conference	7 00	
Sept. 27,	"	Windham Conference	30 00	
Nov. 15,	"	Windsor Conference	34 00	
1876.				
May 24,	"	Essex Conference	2 00	
June 20,	"	Washington Conference	18 00	
"	"	Orange Conference	32 00	
"	"	Chittenden Conference	25 00	
June 21,	"	Orleans Conference	17 00	
"	"	Caledonia Conference	30 00	
"	"	Bennington Conference	16 00	
				$338 06
				$420 93
1875.				
June 17,	By paid	Rev. P. B. Fisk	$7 84	
July 5,	"	Rev. J. Chandler	75	
Aug. 21,	"	Printing & distributing reports	310 20	
1876.				
June 21,	"	Rev. J. Chandler	2 89	
"	"	Rev. P. S. Pratt	7 50	
		Cash to balance	91 75	
				$420 93

I have examined the foregoing account of Treasurer, and find it correct.

J. E. SKINNER,
Auditor.

Barton, June 21, 1876.

The Business Committee reported the following resolutions which were adopted:

Resolved, That the Convention adopt the report of the Sustentation Committee, and acknowledge with gratitude their labors, and the good they have accomplished.

Resolved, That this Convention heartily approves the action of the Centennial Commission in closing the exhibition and grounds on the Lord's day, and trust no pressure from without will lead them to reverse such action, and a copy of this resolution be sent to the Commission.

Resolved, That we again commend the *Vermont Chronicle* to the support of the ministry and churches. We gratefully acknowledge the able work of its editors, especially in maintaining the sacredness of the Sabbath, and defending the true principles of church polity; and we also urge both ministers and laymen to write for its columns, and make efforts to extend its circulation.

The committee also reported the following resolutions, which were adopted:

Resolved, That whereas recent events have brought into discussion the fundamental principles of Congregationalism, and, whereas certain theories have been advocated, the acceptance of which might justify the charge of weakness in our time-honored polity,—it is felt to be very important and desirable that we redeclare our faith in the following principles, which we understand to have come down to us from the fathers:

1. That a Council has the only law of its existence in the letter missive calling it, and that any action outside such letter is without right and without effect.

2. That believing in Congregationalism in distinction from Independency, we affirm that as the ministerial office is conferred and the right hand of fellowship is given by the churches, the minister is amenable to them, and that, on sufficient grounds, they may withdraw the ordination they have conferred.

Another resolution offered by the committee, was discussed and amended, and having been referred to a Special Committee, consisting of Rev. Henry Fairbanks, Rev. S. W. Magill, D. D., Rev. Dr. A. Walker, Rev. J. G. Johnson, and Rev. J. G. Hale, was finally adopted, as follows:

Resolved, That the exercise of discipline being for the purity of the church, and the reclamation of the offender, it is not the proper course of procedure for the church, in trying a member to choose a lesser offence, leaving a greater uncondemned.

Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

Opened with prayer by Rev. W. T. Herrick.

Voted, That the Secretary of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society, the Corresponding Secretary, and the Scribe of the Convention, be appointed a Committee to publish the Minutes of the Meeting, and that the usual number be printed.

Voted, That the above committee arrange for the printing of statistical blanks, and also five hundred copies of the Minutes of the General Convention from 1795 to 1810, inclusive.

The Committee of Arrangements for Next Meeting presented their report, which was adopted, as follows :

Place—Bradford.

Preacher—Rev. G. B. Safford ; Substitute, Rev. C. W. Thompson.

Discussion—Methods of terminating Church Membership. Primaries, Rev. L. O. Brastow, Rev. W. W. Winchester ; Substitutes, Rev. C. Van Norden, Rev. R. T. Searle.

Essay—Systematic Beneficence. Primary, Rev. C. S. Smith ; Substitute, Rev. E. T. Fairbanks.

Rev. R. T. Hall was elected Sunday School Secretary.

The Convention gave way for the Annual Meeting of the Vermont Educational Society ; after which it was addressed by Rev. Lewis Grout, of the American Missionary Association, Rev. J. W. Bemis, of the Vermont Bible Society, and Rev. C. H. Wheeler, of the Harpoot Mission.

The Sunday School Secretary, Rev. P. B. Fisk, presented his report which was accepted and referred to the Committee on Printing.

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted :—

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be presented to the people of Barton for their hospitality.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Convention be presented to the Railroads for return checks to those attending this meeting.

The minutes were read and approved.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Dr. Clement, and after singing, the Convention adjourned.

C. F. THOMPSON, *President.*

W. W. WINCHESTER, *Scribe.*

A. B. EMMONS, *Assistant Scribe.*

CENTENNIAL SERMON.

I think myself happy, Fathers and Brethren, in being permitted to address you, in this Centennial year of our Nation, on the Beginnings and Growth of Congregationalism in Vermont. I have selected as a motto for this discourse, the words of the sons of Korah, found in

PSALM xlviii. 12, 13: Walk about Zion, and go round about her; tell the towers thereof, mark ye well her bulwarks, consider her palaces; that ye may tell it to the generation following.

Vermont Congregationalism is older than the State. Bennington, the first town chartered in what is now Vermont by Gov. Benning Wentworth of New Hampshire, contains the oldest church in the State. In the providence of God it was ordered that that charter, granted in 1749, should lie unused for twelve years, a period including the French and Indian war. One Samuel Robinson—of whom it is claimed that he was a lineal descendant of Rev. John Robinson of Leyden, the father of New England Congregationalism—served as a captain in that war. When his term of service expired, proceeding homeward from Lake George, and intending to follow up the Hoosic river, he mistook for the main stream the Walloomscoik or Walloomsac, which brought him within the chartered limits of Bennington, then an unbroken wilderness. On discovering his mistake, he and his companions encamped for the night, and the next day struck across to Hoosic Forts. Captain Robinson was so well pleased with the region to which he was thus providentially led, that he determined to emigrate thither. He accordingly proceeded to New Hampshire, bought up a large share of the rights of the grantees, and then sought for settlers of the right stamp.

The first emigration to the town consisted of a party of twenty-two, including women and children, from Hardwick and Amherst,

in Massachusetts. This was in June, 1761. Many other families came in before the close of the year, and in March, 1762, the town was duly organized by the choice of selectmen, clerk, &c.

The *Proprietors* of the town, who were not identical with the inhabitants, held separate meetings. At the first proprietors' meeting, of which a record is preserved, held in February, 1762, less than eight months after the first settlers set foot on the soil, a committee was appointed "to look out a place for a Meeting house"; and before the close of the month, the committee reported, and the site was agreed upon.

The first Church of Christ in Vermont was organized at Bennington, December 3, 1762, some eighteen months after the first settlement of the town. It was formed by the union of two small churches, whose members had come from Hardwick and Sunderland, Mass. In the month of May following, the church "gave the Rev. Jedidiah Dewey a call to the work of the ministry among us." Mr. Dewey was at that time pastor of a church at Westfield, Mass., which church also the Bennington church was willing to absorb. In August, 1763, a Council was "convened at Westfield by letters missive from the church of Christ at Bennington." After disposing of another matter, the Council took into consideration "the request of the church at Bennington to the church at Westfield, namely, that the church at Bennington and the church at Westfield unite and become one church under Mr. Jedidiah Dewey." The proposed union was sanctioned by the Council. Both churches together—the Westfield church being present *en masse* and the Bennington church "by three delegated brethren"—"signified their consent to become one church under the pastoral care and charge of said Jedidiah Dewey, pastor, with uplifted hands before God." The next month, on the return of the delegates to Bennington, the above mentioned solemn transaction was duly ratified by a unanimous vote of the Bennington church. The Westfield church removed to Bennington with their pastor, and the new organization was now fairly started on its prosperous career.

The Bennington church at its very origin voted to "make an exception" in that paragraph of the Cambridge Platform which justifies "using the civil law to support the Gospel;" and also that

which relates to "the civil magistrate's coercive power." From this fact, and also from the fact that Congregational churches exist in the three towns from which the Bennington church was derived:—together with others given by Rev. Mr. Jennings in his very interesting and valuable "Memorials of a Century," it appears that the original members of the church in Bennington were Separatists, or "Come-outers," as were the Pilgrims of Scrooby and Plymouth. As regards the principles of liberty and separation of church and state, they were in advance of the majority of their generation.

I have referred to the prominent part which Capt. Samuel Robinson had in the settlement of Bennington. He was the largest landed proprietor, a thorough-going Congregationalist, and had much to do with shaping the character of the town. Being a landholder in some adjacent towns as well as in Bennington, and a man of great influence, he was often called on by persons wishing to locate in the new settlements. He would ascertain their religious predilections, and if they were Baptists would recommend them to purchase in the adjoining town of Shaftsbury. If they were attached to the church of England, he was careful to inform them that Arlington had excellent land for sale. If they chanced to have no special religious preference, their attention was directed to the town of Pownal. But if good Congregationalists, "Why then," said the discreet Captain, "We have got some of the best land in the world right here in Bennington, and you can't do better than to settle here." Well do I remember with what graphic power this was related to me years ago in California by a former resident of Bennington, whose excellent wife counted Capt. Robinson among her ancestors. The story lost nothing in the narration, but was doubtless founded on fact.

The character thus early impressed on those towns is still retained. Shaftsbury is a stronghold of the Baptist denomination, and Arlington of the Episcopal; while Pownal has never been noted for the number and strength of its churches. But the Bennington church became strong in numbers and influence, and the town has now its three self-supporting Congregational churches.

Next to Bennington, Newbury has the oldest church in the State. The town was settled in 1762, and the church, composed

of members living on both sides of Connecticut river, was organized in September, 1764. Rev. Peter Powers of Hollis, N. H., was invited "to settle with them as their Gospel minister." Five ministers with their churches were called on the Council for his "installment." "Voted that Jacob Bayley Esq. shall represent the town of Newbury at the Council, which was voted to meet for said installment down country where is thought most convenient." It was "at a legal Town Meeting" that the call was extended, and the above vote, with others, passed. The Council was held at Hollis, N. H., in February, 1765, and Mr. Powers was installed over the church in Newbury, preaching his own installation sermon. It may help us to comprehend the situation, if we know that at the settlement of Newbury there were no other inhabitants on the Connecticut river north of Charlestown, N. H., nor any between Newbury and Concord, N. H. There were no roads through the wilderness. The hardy pioneers found their way by the aid of blazed or marked trees, and the compass. The nearest grist-mill was sixty miles distant. The crank for the first saw-mill built in Newbury was drawn on a hand-sled from Concord, a distance of nearly four score miles. But amid all their privations and hardships, they felt their need of the Gospel ordinances, and made provision, as we have seen, for their administration among them.

The first three townships chartered within the present limits of Vermont by the New Hampshire government were, Bennington in 1749, Halifax in 1750, and Westminster in 1752—save that two charters were granted in 1751, which were forfeited by non-compliance with their conditions. The church in Westminster, East Parish, ranks in the same order among the churches of the State. It was organized and settled its first pastor in 1767. Another church was organized before the close of the century in the West Parish; and this is the only town in Vermont, having two strong Congregational churches, with no other church of any denomination within its bounds.

A Council of Churches held September 28, 1768, on the river in Cornish, N. H., organized a church called the Congregational Church of Cornish and Windsor, Vt., consisting of ten members. Rev. James Wellman was installed pastor. It was arranged that

he should preach in Windsor one third of the time. Windsor was settled some four years previous, at which time no road existed north of Charlestown, N. H.

The church in Guilford is said to have been organized in 1768. The first settlements seem to have been made in 1761. Each settler was restricted to fifty acres of land, it being one of the conditions of the charter that the grantees must settle, clear and cultivate in five years five acres out of every fifty. Owing to this policy the settlement of the town was very rapid, and Guilford became the most populous town in the New Hampshire Grants. The whole township was said to resemble a village; "all the hills and valleys were smoking with huts."

But the *church* in Guilford seems never to have possessed a very strong or vigorous life. It had four successive pastors prior to 1819, in which year the Society voted to unite with the Episcopal Society in maintaining worship under the forms of that church. Since then there has been only occasional Congregational preaching in the town. The Secretary of the V. D. M. S. well says of it in his last report, (1875,) "The number of people who are Congregational in sentiment is small, and as the community is supplied with other evangelical preaching, it is doubtful whether the best interests of Christ's kingdom will be promoted by attempting to perpetuate the Congregational church there." In this respect Guilford does not stand alone among the townships of Vermont.

In Norwich the church was formed in 1770, and its first pastor ordained in 1775.

The first church in Hartford was organized in 1771. It was Presbyterian in polity, and connected with the church in Dartmouth College. It lived and was prospered until in 1843—then a Congregational church—other churches having meanwhile arisen in more eligible locations, it was disbanded. Very few, if any, towns in Vermont have a better record, congregationally, than Hartford. Not many of our townships have sent forth a score of ministers, including the president of a university, three foreign missionaries, and a model editor of a religious paper.

The church in Brattleboro, West Parish, was formed in the year 1770, and Rev. Abner Reeve settled "by covenant." There seems to have been some irregularity in this proceeding—other churches

not being called in to assist in forming the relation, and to recognize the church and its pastor. Some three years later a Council was called to organize a church at Rockingham, to which the Brattleboro church was invited with others. A certified copy of the doings of that Council was made by Rev. Samuel Whiting, from which I quote: "Antecedent to their embodying into a Council, an Enquiry was proposed to be made in [into] the standing of the church in Brattleboro. Upon which the Rev. Mr. Reeves and the Messengers from Brattleboro, being previously instructed and empowered by that church, gave us full satisfaction with regard to the credentials of Mr. Reeves, and the agreement of the covenant of said church with ours. We therefore unanimously agreed upon their desire in consideration of their peculiar situation to receive and own them of our fellowship. Nevertheless we take this method and opportunity to bear due testimony against any church's forming itself and putting itself under the care of a Minister without the concurrence of sister churches (where it may be had) to establish a Communion of Churches." After the Council was formally organized by the choice of Moderator and Scribe, they "voted their acceptance of Mr. Reeves and Brattleboro church to our communion and our readiness to treat him and them as such, expecting like returns from them; and that the vote be made publick at this time and to our Churches." Thus vigilantly did our predecessors of a century ago guard not alone the *independence* of the churches, but their *fellowship* as well. Eleven churches were represented in that Council, nine of them by both Pastor and Delegate, or, in the nomenclature of that day, Elder and Messenger. Two of the churches represented were in Massachusetts, the rest in New Hampshire, except Brattleboro, and the church in Cornish and Windsor.

By this Council "the Rev^{d}. Samuel Whiting was ordained a Gospel Bishop of the church in Rockingham and Chester." The Ordination services were assigned to the Moderator and Scribe and three other members of the Council in the following order; Opening Prayer; Prayer before the Charge; Charge; Right Hand of Fellowship; Concluding Prayer. Did not in all probability a Sermon come in between the Opening Prayer, and the next recorded exercise, and may we not reasonably infer that

Sermon was preached, as in the Newbury case, by the person ordained?

Public worship and ordinances were divided between Rockingham and Chester for five years. Subsequently Mr. Whiting makes entry in the church records; "At the close of these five years, as they had never practised much in attending at each other's Communions, they considered themselves as separate and distinct churches. The church in Rockingham however soon called upon Chester members, and they, by sending us a copy of their Covenant and proceedings, gave us full satisfaction that they were duly organized and regularly separated from us as a distinct church." So the Rockingham church, which is extinct, and that in Chester, which still lives, were produced at one birth in 1773.

The church at West Rutland was formed the same year, and settled its first pastor the year following. The Congregational church of Thetford was also gathered in 1773. Its first pastor Rev. Clement Sumner, being a tory or loyalist in his political sentiments, found it necessary to leave soon after the war for independence began; but his place was more than made good by the coming, in 1778, of Dr. Asa Burton, one of the most noted theological instructors and writers Vermont has ever possessed.

The year 1774 witnessed the formation of but one church within our limits. Twenty one years before, Gov. Wentworth chartered a town under the name of FANE. This Charter was renewed in 1761. In 1772 the Governor of *New York* made a grant, to certain persons, of the same township, under the name of *New-Fane*; and the titles to all lands in this town are derived from the New York, and not the New Hampshire, Charter. A Congregational church of nine members was gathered, when there were but six families in the town, and Rev. Hezekiah Taylor, a graduate of Harvard, was ordained pastor, which relation he sustained till his death, forty years afterward.

The church at Weathersfield Center is said to have been organized in 1775. Its first minister was settled in 1779.

The necessary limits of this discourse will not allow my speaking with equal minuteness of churches that have not completed their century. Those at Putney and Marlboro were organized in Oct. 1776. Nine others were formed before the close of 1780, at

which time twenty-five Congregational churches had been organized in Vermont. The next decade witnessed the organization of thirty more; and by the close of 1800, a total of ninty-three churches of our order had been formed within the bounds of the State.

I proceed now to speak of Ecclesiastical Organizations springing from or connected with the churches, and deriving therefrom all their vitality. And first is the Ministerial Association. The oldest in the State is that in the County of Windham, formed at Brattleboro, West Parish, Oct. 17, 1775. What preliminary steps were taken to call the brethren together does not appear. The Preamble to the Articles of the "Association Covenant" is worth quoting: "We, the Subscribers, Ministers of the gospel in the County of Cumberland and State of New York, being desirous of promoting the interest of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the spiritual good of his church and people, as far as we have charge, opportunity and influence; and having a divine direction to do all things decently and in order which respect God's house and worship; and being instructed by the sacred oracles to be modest, humble and self-diffident, and that in the multitude of council there is safety; and finding (Acts 15) that even inspired men took council one of another; think it expedient and our duty to associate and unite in an ecclesiastical body, for the more effectual service of Christ in his church, and for our own mutual assistance in matters of weight and difficulty respecting our ministerial office— do now engage to be one body, and to abide by the following articles, till our associated body shall find good reason to alter or exchange any of them or add thereto."

The Articles are much the same with those now usual in Associations. They provide for two stated meetings of Association yearly, and a "lecture" or sermon to be delivered in the parish where the Association meets. Special meetings to be called, on application, by the moderator of the last meeting. None but ministers *sound in the faith* to be admitted as members. The eighth article is: "We will hold ministerial and Christian communion with neighboring Ministers and churches, and invite them occasionally to our assistance." The ninth and last Article is hereby

commended to the attentive consideration of all members of ministerial Associations: "We will attend every stated and occasional meeting of the Association, when our circumstances will any ways admit of it."

The original members of this Association, now on its second century, were Abner Reeve of West Brattleboro, Samuel Whiting of Rockingham, Joseph Bullen of Westminster, East Parish, and Hezekiah Tailor—so the name is spelled—of Newfane. Five ministers were added to the Association before the close of the Revolutionary War.

I find the following in the minutes of Association for Sept. 1781. "On application the following Certificate was given, viz: Whereas Rev^{d} H——— W——— of Guilford has made application to this Association for a Certificate which may assist him in obtaining an honorary degree, at some publick seminary of learning; and as we are of opinion that his being admitted to that privilege may tend to promote the cause of religion, by giving him greater dignity and influence in the churches; therefore, We certify that said Mr. W——— is a member of this Association; that he has and still does support a good and reputable character as a Christian, a Minister of Christ, and a member of this Association."

We shall hardly find such entries in recent records of Associations. From this we may infer that ministers now-a-days have risen above the longing for such vain distinctions; *or*, that such matters are now arranged in a more private manner. It is a noticeable coincidence that Dartmouth College the next year conferred "an honorary degree" on Rev. H——— W——— who we have no reason to question, was a gentleman deserving of the honor—unless it may be for the "application to Association," and the further fact that he was "a violent Yorker," who deemed it expedient to leave the State, when Guilford, under the threat of Ethan Allen to make it desolate as Sodom and Gomorrah, at length submitted to the laws of Vermont.

"The County of Cumberland in the State of New York," by the action of the Convention of Delegates from the various towns in the "New Hampshire Grants" which met at Westminster in Jan. 1777, became the County of Cumberland in the "State of New Connecticut, alias VERMONT," and two years later the name was

changed to *Windham* County. The Association adopted the name of Windham at their meeting in June, 1785.

In preparing this discourse there lay before me an ancient book of records, of which the first leaf or leaves are gone. Apparently only *one* leaf that had been written on is missing. The remaining part begins thus: "At an Association held at Castleton June 3d 1788, Mr. Sill [of Dorset] chosen Moderator, and Mr. Beebe Scribe." "Voted that the next meeting be at Pawlet at Mr. Beebe's" in September. No name to the Association appears on the existing records for eight years. In October, 1796, there was a "meeting of the Association of the *Western District of Vermont* at Pittsford." Dr. Merrill, in his History of the Convention published in the "American Quarterly Register" for August, 1838, undoubtedly gives correctly the origin of this designation. Vermont had two Representatives in Congress, and the State was naturally divided into two districts, Eastern and Western, by the Mountain Range which gives name to the State. It will be seen however that the Association was in existence for some three years before Vermont was admitted into the Union. In 1804 the Association was divided, the north line of Rutland County forming the line of division. The next year, the Southern part took the name of Rutland Association, which it still retains; the other was known as the North-Western Association.

The next Association formed in the State was the Royalton, a copy of whose early records has been kindly furnished me by its present Register. From this I transcribe:

"Randolph, Feb. 1, 1791. Convened by mutual consent and were present, Rev. Messrs.

Joseph Bowman [of Barnard,]
Elijah Brainard [of Randolph,]
Elijah Lyman [of Brookfield,]
and Thomas Russell [of Bethel,]

They proposed and unanimously agreed for Ministerial Communion and Improvement as follows: Four times in a year circular. The Moderator of each meeting to be chosen in rotation, and a Scribe as conveniency may point out.

That a Record of each meeting be kept.

That a Sermon be preached at each meeting.

That suitable Questions in Divinity be put out at each meeting to be solved at the next."

The name of *Royalton* Association was adopted in 1794.

Dr. Merrill's History of the General Convention, already referred to, thus commences: "The importance of being organized as a body doubtless occurred to the Ministers of Vermont at an early period of its history. But no definite arrangement appears to have been made till 1795." Previous to that year seventy-two Congregational churches had been formed in Vermont, and there were in existence at least the three Ministerial Associations of which I have spoken. But there was no bond of union—no organic connection binding them together. I find on the records of the Western Association in 1791 a vote "that Messrs. Beebe [of Pawlet] Murdock [of Sandgate] and Lee [of Sunderland] be a Committee to prepare *Articles for Convention* and lay them before the next Association." I would not affirm positively that those "articles for Convention" had reference to the forming of a General Convention of ministers throughout the new State. But the next record of Association is dated at "Rutland, June 4, 1793." At *that* meeting it was "voted to propose to the Northern Ministers to have a General Association once a year." There is no mistaking the meaning of this. Yet it does not appear whether the vote was carried into effect. The *next* record of this Association was in August, 1795.

In October, 1794, the Royalton Association voted "to send circular letters to the respective Ministerial Societies of the Standing Order in this State, for the purpose of a General Convention by Delegates." In June, 1795, a favorable response having doubtless been received from the other "Ministerial Societies," two delegates were appointed to represent Royalton Association "in a Convention of Ministers throughout the State, expected to convene at Dartmouth College the day after next Commencement." The same month Windham Association appointed three delegates to the proposed meeting; and at so late a date as Aug. 19, 1795, the Western Association appointed Rev. Dr. Swift "to attend the proposed General Association to be held in Hanover on the 27th instant."

The day thus designated, Aug. 27, 1795, found five Vermont ministers assembled in council at Hanover, N. H. They were Rev. Job Swift, D. D. of Bennington, representing the Association in the Western District; Rev. Samuel Whiting of Rockingham, representing Windham Association; Rev. Martin Tullar of Royalton, representing Royalton Association; and Rev. Asa Burton, D. D., of Thetford, and Rev. Lyman Potter of Norwich, representing themselves, and it may be the ministers of Vermont *not* associated, or, it may be, the Grafton Presbytery, founded by the influence of Rev. Dr. Eleazar Wheelock, the *first* President of Dartmouth College. Both Dr. Burton and Mr. Potter were, or had been, members of Grafton Presbytery. Dr. Burton was subsequently a member of Orange Association, which is not *known* to have been formed before 1798 or 1799. These representative ministers of Vermont unanimously agreed upon the formation of a "General Convention of Ministers in the said State," to be thus constituted: "All Associations and Presbyteries composed of Ministers regularly introduced shall be allowed to send two members to said Convention; and in any County in the State where there shall not be more than one regular Minister, he shall, for the present, be entitled to a seat in the Convention." This regulation authorizing each Association to send at least two members as delegates has ever been in force. "The general object and design of this Convention," according to its original Constitution, is "to consult Union and friendship among Ministers, and the general interest and well-being of the Churches." The first meeting of the Convention proper was appointed for the third Tuesday of June, 1796, at the house of Rev. Samuel Whiting, in Rockingham; the preacher to be appointed by Royalton Association. The meeting was held at the place and time appointed—just eighty years ago. Rev. Martin Tullar preached from 1 John 3: 5. "And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin." Dr. Swift was Moderator, and Mr. Tullar Scribe. A Register was chosen "to continue in office during the pleasure of the Convention."

The General Convention has one marked indication of life, natural, thrifty, vigorous. It was originally established to supply a felt necessity—the need of more intimate knowledge of each other's

circumstances among the ministers and churches of the new and growing state, and to employ concerted measures to advance the welfare of the churches and religion in general. It is emphatically a thing of growth. Its Constitution, like that of Great Britain, was formed by slow degrees, as enlargement and experience demanded; while those of Vermont and of the United States sprang, Minerva-like, from the brains of the statesmen who devised them. The whole of the original Constitution of this Body has already been given in defining its object and composition.

At the first meeting of Convention in 1796, it was recommended to all "Ministers of regular standing in this State" to connect themselves with, or form themselves into, Associations or Presbyteries. Conceiving also "that a union of Churches on proper principles might be of great benefit to themselves and the cause of religion," they recommended to the several Associations "that they use their influence in assisting their churches and those in their neighborhood, that they may be formed into such connection and society as that they may put strength into each other's hand, by a mutual watch."

The Convention also—and here we come to what has always been a very important part of its work—recommended "to the several Associations that they look into the state of *vacant churches* in their vicinity, and, as far as is consistent, grant them assistance by labors and advice. And they also recommend to vacant churches to apply to neighboring Associations for advice in their destitute circumstances; and that they improve all proper means for their being regularly supplied with the Gospel ministry; using much prudence and care whom they improve [i. e. employ] in so important a work." This recommendation to the churches has not yet lost its necessity and force.

A step of progress is manifest in the Minutes of Convention in 1797. It was voted "that a statement be made and printed of the several Associations in this State: their style and the names of the members who compose them—the names of all the towns in the State which contain thirty families, with the names of the ministers settled in them respectively, and the vacancies also noted." A committee of six persons was appointed "to collect materials for said statement." At this second meeting it was

voted that "the Register of this Convention shall, ex officio, have a right to a seat at every meeting." It was again recommended to the churches to form Consociations, and to the various Associations each to send one of their number annually among the "infant settlements in the Northern part of the State, which are not capable of procuring the administration of gospel ordinances; and that his pulpit should be supplied in his absence by the other members of the Association."

At the meeting of Convention in 1799 another Association—that of Orange—was represented. At the same meeting the formation of two Consociations was reported—in Windham County, and the Western District. The latter was formed at Rutland June 6th, 1797. Nineteen churches in Western Vermont and adjacent parts of New York were represented at its formation. *This Consociation* also recommended to the churches having pastors to send them as missionaries to the northward the next summer twelve Sabbaths, the church thus sending to be supplied by the neighboring ministers every Sabbath but one while their pastor is on his mission. Windham Consociation was formed in October of the same year, (1797).

A Committee of Credentials, consisting of six, was appointed in 1800, "whose duty it shall be to examine and certify the standing and regularity of those who come to or go from us under the title of ministers; to prevent impositions from those of doubtful or bad characters." A like Committee was appointed annually thereafter until 1866, when a Committee of one from each Association was appointed for five years, at the end of which time the practice seems to have been dropped by general consent.

From 1801 onward to 1842, the annual meeting of Convention was held in September, it would seem for the special accommodation of the Delegates from Connecticut, whose General Association met in June.

As this Convention was formed in New Hampshire, so it has held one annual meeting in New York—at Granville in 1802. Rev. Mr. Hall, at whose house they met, though not a Delegate, was "considered as a member," and it was voted that the minister of the parish where Convention meets "shall always be considered as a member." That year the number of ministers of the Congrega-

tional order laboring in the State was for the first time reported, as follows: Settled Ministers, 38. Dismissed Ministers continuing to labor in the ministry, 10. Licensed Candidates for the ministry 6. Total, 54. Thus early, yet with so meager data, did the Convention begin the important work of statistical information. The next year the names of the ministers were given, and again in 1807 by Associations. At the last mentioned date there were 53 pastors of Cong. churches connected with the different Associations, and 7 pastors not so connected; 16 Candidates licensed in the State; 4 ordained preachers and candidates laboring in the State, but not licensed in the State; and 2 Presbyterian ministers. Total, 82. (It *should* be *eighty-three*, as the name of Rev. T. A. Merrill, at whose house the Convention met, was inadvertently omitted.)

A Treasurer and a Committee of Overtures to prepare a Docket of Business, were first chosen in 1801, and an Auditor "to settle accounts with the Treasurer," in 1803. The year following, Rules of Business and Order were adopted, most of them substantially the same, and many of them identical, with those now in force. The first Register of Convention was Rev. Sylvester Sage, of Westminster, who served nine years. Upon his resigning in 1805, Rev. Tilton Eastman, of Randolph, was chosen Register, which office he filled for five years. In 1810 Rev. Thomas A. Merrill, of Middlebury, was chosen Register and Treasurer, and discharged the duties pertaining thereto until his death in 1855. Rev. Aldace Walker was chosen to fill the vacancy thus occasioned, and at the same time the Constitution was so altered that the Register should be chosen for a term of five years, instead of "during the pleasure of the Convention." Dr. Walker was twice re-elected, holding the office for fifteen years. In 1870 Rev. Joseph Chandler was chosen Register, and held the office till 1873, when by a change in the Constitution the name of Register disappeared from our Minutes.

This Convention, organized under the roof of the President of Dartmouth College, cherished a deep interest in the infant colleges of our own State. The same year in which Middlebury sent forth her first graduate, the Convention "appointed a Preacher for the evening after Commencement at Middlebury." The next

year [1803] it was "voted that a preacher be appointed annually by this Convention to deliver a discourse at Middlebury on the evening preceding Commencement." In 1806 it was "voted to appoint a *Concio ad Clerum* to be delivered at each of the Colleges, viz. Middlebury and Burlington, on the evening before their respective Commencements; and that each preacher be instructed to request the Clergy who may be assembled to appoint their own preacher for the year succeeding, and pursue this practice hereafter." Preachers were then appointed for the next year; but whether or how long the recommendation of Convention was carried out I have no means of knowing.

A resolution adopted the same year might seem, by parity of reasoning, to have some bearing on the practice, now prevalent in certain quarters, of *dropping* the names of church members, without previous labor, or assigning the true reasons therefor: "Whereas the relation between a minister and his people is one of the most solemn that can be formed in this world, voted that this body disapprove of the growing usage in the churches, by which this relation is dissolved without making public the true reasons of discontent in the parties; as tending, on the one hand, to shield the immoralities and erroneous opinions of a minister, and on the other, to gloss over the unreasonable discontents and vices of a people."

The pastors and churches of Vermont have ever been deeply interested in the Home Missionary work—the state of the destitute churches and communities around them. This is evident from the very first utterances of the Convention and Consociations. The Consociation in the Western District—(like the Association, divided in 1804 into two bodies, Northern and Southern, yet acting unitedly in matters of Christian activity)—took the lead in domestic missions. In the year just named, a Committee of those Consociations issued a Circular Letter to the churches and congregations in the Western District, in which they appealed to them to contribute to defray the expense of "missions in our new settlements."

The next year a report was made by the Committee, of missionary service rendered, and of money received and expended. Five

missionaries had been employed, some if not all of them pastors of churches, spared for this purpose from their parishes, from five to eight weeks each ; in one instance for sixteen weeks. The amount of labor thus performed was forty-five weeks, at a total expense of $228. Among the destitute places visited were Montpelier, Woodstock, New Haven, Shoreham and Waterbury. Instances of increased interest and of hopeful conversion were reported.

In 1807 the General Convention, in session at Middlebury, voted to " form themselves into a Society to be known as the ' Vermont Missionary Society.' " They elected twelve Trustees, half of them laymen, with power " to appoint all necessary officers, to superintend the publication of a periodical work, and transact all the business of the Society." In accordance with a part of this vote, the Trustees, chosen annually by the Convention, commenced in 1809 the monthly publication of " The Adviser, or Vt. Evangelical Magazine." This Magazine was published at Middlebury for seven years, under the direction of editors appointed by the Convention. As many as 2,500 copies were printed for a part of the time. The profits of the publication were to be devoted to the Missionary Society.

The Anniversary of this Society was held in connection with the meeting of the General Convention. In 1817 the Trustees announced to the Society at its annual meeting that they had appointed Mr. Levi Parsons, who was just completing his studies at Andover, a Missionary to labor in the State for six months. Mr. Parsons was under appointment by the A. B. C. F. M. to go to Palestine, and had, in the former part of that same year, presented the cause of *foreign* missions in Vermont, and taken up collections for the Board. But he now entered heartily into the work of *home* missions, and labored with much success in destitute parts of the State, mainly in Washington and Orleans Counties. His efforts were greatly blessed in interesting the young as well as those of maturer years. Sunday Schools and Juvenile Missionary Societies were established in many places.

In 1818 the Missionary Society seems to have undergone a peculiar transformation. The Society which had existed for eleven years, met as usual in connection with the annual meeting of the

General Convention (at Peacham). Officers were chosen for the ensuing year, and no hint appears in the records of any thought of discontinuance—and then suddenly it vanishes from sight! The very next week at Castleton met for the *first* time the Vermont *Juvenile* Missionary Society, composed of Delegates from Juvenile Auxiliary Societies. Judging from the distance between Peacham and Castleton, and the facilities—rather *want* of facilities—of travel in those days, persons attending *both* meetings needed something of the spirit of Jehu to accomplish it. But they did it, Dr. Merrill and others. In fact the whole project seems to have been a sort of *coup d' etat* of Dr. Merrill. The interest flagged in the old Society. The new organization was planned in the study of the Middlebury pastor, and carried successfully into effect by the labors of Mr. Parsons. The old Society was allowed to depart in peace, while its *spirit* took possession of the new; one of the finest illustrations ever witnessed of the old doctrine of the transmigration of souls.

Twenty-nine auxiliary Juvenile Societies were represented or reported at Castleton at the organization of the Vermont Juvenile Missionary Society. For five years this Society held its annual meeting at a time and place distinct from that of the General Convention. But in 1823 it adopted the practice of its predecessor in holding its anniversary in connection with the Convention, and so amended its Constitution as to make members of the Convention members "for the time being" of the Missionary Society. In 1826 the name was altered to Vermont *Domestic* Missionary Society, and the year following, it became auxiliary to the American Home Missionary Society.

So far as is known, no official record of the proceedings of the Convention was published for the first thirteen or fourteen years of its existence. In 1809 and 1810, extracts from the Minutes were published in "The Adviser." In 1811 it was voted that "the doings of this Convention be annually published in a pamphlet, distinct from the Adviser, for the purpose of transmitting them to foreign bodies." Accordingly the Minutes (at first only large extracts from them) have been so printed from that year onward.

The same year a Committee was chosen to co-operate with sim-

ilar Committees of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church and other foreign bodies "in devising measures which may have influence in preventing some of the numerous and threatening mischiefs that are experienced throughout our country from the excessive and intemperate use of spirituous liquors." Vermont ministers had previously preached on the subject—among others Mr. Rawson of Hardwick at St. Johnsbury as early as 1809. Often since that day has the Convention borne emphatic testimony against the use of ardent spirit as a beverage, and in favor of total abstinence therefrom. In 1826 a resolution was adopted, earnestly requesting heads of families "never to suffer ardent spirits to be used in their families excepting for medicinal purposes."

In 1813 the following resolution was adopted: "That this Convention consider it a subject of the highest importance zealously to co-operate with their brethren in different parts of the United States, in every proper measure for the encouragement of good morals and the suppression of vice; in particular, in discouraging profaneness, profanation of the Sabbath, and the intemperate use of spirituous liquors." The next year a Committee was appointed to prepare and circulate for signatures a petition to Congress against the transportation and opening of the mail on the Lord's Day. It would be eminently walking in the spirit of our pious fathers, should we at this Annual Meeting send on our united and earnest protest against any profanation of the Sabbath by the Centennial Commission at Philadelphia.

In the records of the same year occurs the first mention of a custom which has grown very dear to many who attend the Convention year after year: "At 6 A. M. attended a meeting for social prayer at the place of public worship [in Pawlet]; after which at 7 o'clock the Convention was opened with prayer by Rev. Mr. Lyon." [Asa Lyon, M. C., of Grand Isle.] The next year there were eighty hopeful conversions reported in Pawlet. Before this time the Convention had sometimes met as early as 6 o'clock—in 1797 they met at 5½ A. M.—but those seem to have been *business* meetings. The two succeeding years (1814 and 1815) there is a like record of an early prayer-meeting. In 1816 at Montpelier it was "Resolved that the Convention meet tomorrow at

sunrise with any others who may choose to unite with them for prayer." It will thus be seen that for threescore years, more or less uninterruptedly, these early Convention prayer-meetings have been held, and precious seasons they have often been. It is worthy of special notice that the following year the report from Montpelier stated that a revival of religion began there shortly after the session of Convention, attended with mighty power, one which soon became general, and was still in progress. The hopeful conversions numbered 130. Was there no connection between those morning prayer-meetings and that work of grace? In the year last named I note an interesting item in regard to Thetford: "Not six months have elapsed since the year 1797"—i. e. for twenty years—"in which individuals, more or less, have not been brought to taste and see that the Lord is good." Why cannot this be said of all our communities?

The Convention took the lead in the formation of the Vt. Bible Society, on an undenominational basis. In 1812 they designated a large Committee containing several names of those whom I know to have been Baptists, and probably some also of other denominations, besides Congregationalists, "to prepare and digest a plan for the organization of said society."

In 1817 the following was adopted: "The General Convention, having learned that great benefit has arisen from the institution of Sabbath Schools, earnestly recommend to the churches the universal establishment of such schools, for the purpose of teaching children the Holy Scriptures, and affording them catechetical instruction." The churches at Craftsbury and Greensboro were among the first to establish such schools, dating back to 1812 or 1814. "The Vt. S. S. Union" was formed in 1825, and its anniversary has since that time been held in connection with the meeting of the General Convention.

A measure of much value in expediting business was adopted that year, in the vote "that the Register be directed to arrange the ordinary business of the Convention, and lay it before them at the opening of every session."

The same year the first step was taken to secure in the Convention the representation of churches as well as ministers. A committee appointed that year reported the year following a resolu

tion, which was adopted, "that all the Congregational churches in Vermont which have not entered into articles of particular union, be requested to form themselves into Consociations." In 1820 it was announced that one additional Consociation had been formed "in the north part of the State." The next year it was voted to invite each Consociation "to send two members to the next meeting of the Convention." In 1822 two Consociations were represented in Convention, but by ministers only. The first lay delegate, Dea. Bingham of Addison Consociation, took his seat in 1823, the Constitution having been amended by inserting "and Delegates" after "ministers" in the first Article, and "or Consociation" after "presbytery." Two years ago at Northfield there were present fifteen lay delegates from the Conferences, and this year for the first time a lay brother presides over the deliberations of the Convention. It seems desirable that the full complement of twenty-six non-ministerial brethren should represent our thirteen Conferences every year.

We see an indication of the growth of the Convention (in regard to the number in attendance) in the designation of the *place* of meeting. Up to and including the year 1813 the Convention always met at the *house* of the minister of the parish. At the first meeting in 1796 there could have been no more than six or eight *members* of Convention; and the number of members was necessarily small for many years. Occasionally a few of the brethren not members were present, and were invited to sit with the Convention. In 1814 the convention assembled at the *meeting-house* in Woodstock; the next year at the meeting-house in Benson; in 1816 at the State House in Montpelier. The next year found them again at a private residence; and so for some years following. But from 1823 onward no pastor's house has been found sufficiently capacious to accommodate the Convention; and it is now usually recorded, the Convention met with such or such a church.

A Religious Tract Society was formed in 1808 to publish as well as circulate tracts. The operations of the Vermont Tract Society ceased in 1814, upon the formation of the New England or American Tract Society at Boston.

From the discontinuance of "The Adviser" in 1815, for a number of years there was no periodical publication sustaining any special

relation to the General Convention. The need came to be felt more and more of a religious paper, as a means of communication between the Vermont ministers and churches, and to furnish suitable reading to the Christian community. Accordingly in 1825 the Convention chose Rev. Mr. Chapin of Woodstock, and Drs. Merrill and Charles Walker a committee "to take into consideration the expediency of establishing a religious newspaper in this State, and to take measures, if they see fit, to carry it into effect." As a result of their consultations "The Vermont Chronicle" was published first at Bellows Falls in Jan., 1826. The "Chronicle" was soon removed to Windsor, where it was published under very able management, and established for itself a high reputation for sound orthodoxy, unusual accuracy in its statements, and literary merit of no common order. In 1874, through the liberality of its late proprietor, L. J. McIndoe, Esq. of Windsor, it became the property of the General Convention, and was transferred to Montpelier. By the united energies of Vermont Congregationalists, it may become an instrument of yet greater good to our State and the world.

There has been a gradual increase of efficiency in gathering statistics, and of fullness in their details. In 1809 it was "resolved that it be considered the duty of each Association, at their meeting next previous to the meeting of the General Convention in each year, to make out an annual report of the number, names and congregations of settled ministers; the number and names of the unsettled ministers and candidates; and the number and names of the destitute churches within their limits; to which it will be necessary to subjoin a short account of circumstances which have occurred within the year; such as removals of ministers by death or otherwise, ordinations or installations, with the time of such events; also an account of the number of members in each church, and the additions and removals by deaths, dismissions, exclusions, etc. And it shall be the duty of each Association to forward such report by their Delegates to the General Convention." The year following, a committee was appointed "to prepare a blank schedule of returns from the several Associations to the General Convention." Yet not until 1820 was commenced the publication, in tabular form, of the names of settled and unsettled ministers and candidates, and also of destitute Congregational and Presbyterian

churches in Vermont. Those statistics were not eminently satisfactory. The number of settled ministers was seventy-four; of unsettled ministers, eighteen; of candidates, six. Total, 98; an increase of only fifteen in the previous thirteen years. At the same time the whole number of Congregational and Presbyterian Churches in the State is given as being 169. But inasmuch as eighteen churches are known to have been organized within the six years from 1820 to 1826, and the number was *then* reported at 177, it *should* doubtless have been reported at 159 in 1820. But even these figures reveal an alarming disproportion between the number of ministers and churches. If we count only the *settled* ministers, eighty-five churches were destitute; while the churches exceeded by sixty-one the whole number of ministers, settled and unsettled, including also the candidates or licentiates.

It is not strange, in view of these facts, that the Convention felt that it behoved them to bestir themselves in the matter of bringing forward suitable persons to enter the Gospel ministry. Vermont had previously had a (private) theological seminary at Thetford, under the care of Dr. Burton. For the thirty years between 1786 and 1816 he had always, according to Dr. William B. Sprague, a greater or less number pursuing theological studies with him; and it is estimated that he assisted nearly sixty young men in their preparation for the ministry.

In 1811 a letter was laid before the Convention bearing date at Thetford in August of that year. The letter was signed by a committee of clergymen and laymen convened at that place, and was in reference to the establishment in that vicinity of a Theological Seminary proper. The consideration of the matter in Convention was deferred to the next year, when a committee appointed for that purpose reported. In 1813 the further report was made that the original plan of the institution had been materially modified, and instead of a Theological Seminary, an Academy was established at Meriden, N. H., endowed by Mr. Kimball, of that place, and called from him Kimball Union Academy. It was founded with special reference to the education, preparatory to College, of indigent and pious young men, who design to enter the Gospel ministry.

At the time to which the Minutes of Convention have led us,

there was another training school for ministers in the house of Rev. Josiah Hopkins, D. D., of New Haven, in this State. From that school—second only to that of Dr. Burton in the number and influence of its graduates—went forth Titus Coan to assist in the birth of the Christian Hawaiian nation;—J. J. Shipherd, prominent among the founders of Oberlin College, and the first pastor of Oberlin church; and A. J. Parker, the pioneer missionary in the eastern townships of Canada, who announced himself, when delegate to the General Convention, a "graduate of Josiah Hopkins's Woodhouse Chamber Theological Seminary." These names may represent the score or more of ministers who were fitted for their work under the training of Dr. Hopkins.

As early as 1804, the Consociations in Western Vermont—ever foremost in every good word and work—formed the *first* Education Society proper, so far as is known, in the country. The object of this Society was "to aid pious and ingenious young men in indigent circumstances to acquire education for the Gospel ministry." But the startling facts brought to light by the statistics in 1820 seem to have impressed the ministers of Vermont with the necessity of more vigorous and united efforts to reinforce their ranks. Accordingly they formed that year the Northwestern Branch of the American Education Society, now known as the Vermont Education Society. So energetically did this Branch enter upon its work, that the next year it had under its patronage about thirty individuals. The Society is abundantly worthy of a far more ample support from all our churches than it now receives.

It was perhaps owing in good measure to the statistics of 1820, and to the efforts which they inspired, that six years thereafter—half a century ago—an increase of fifty-six ministers was reported. There were eighty-nine settled ministers, thirty unsettled, and thirty-five candidates: total 154. The number of Congregational churches in the State, supplied and unsupplied, including one Presbyterian church, is given at the same time as 177.

Up to the present time (June 20, 1876) two hundred and forty-nine (249) Congregational churches are known to have been organized in Vermont, of which not quite 200 now manifest signs of

life. The Congregational ministers now in the State are thus classified: Pastors, sixty-four; Acting Pastors, seventy-six; Licentiates, fourteen; without charge, fifty-one: total, 205.

Returns of Statistics from the *Churches*, similar to those now given, including the whole number of members, were first published in the Minutes for 1828. But they were very incomplete. From three Associations no statistics whatever, beyond the name of the minister, were received. Only *one* church in the large Northwestern Association, embracing at that time Chittenden, Franklin and Grand Isle Counties, reported the number of its members. *Such* statistics are of course of comparatively little value. They showed however a net gain, in the churches reporting, of 337 members. The returns became more complete year by year. In 1830 the whole number of church members reported was (in round numbers) 17,000, and the next year, 18,000. In 1832, as a result of the great ingathering of the year previous, a total of 22,600 members was reported. In 1837 there were 23,400 connected with the churches,—the largest number ever yet reported. This includes the absentees, or non-resident members, of whom there were probably some thousands. The total membership reported *this* year is 19,617, of whom 3,232 are absentees, leaving of *resident* members 16,385, or an average of eighty-three to each of our 196 churches.

As early as 1809 a committee was appointed "to take minutes from the narrations of the several members, and to exhibit a concise sketch of the state of religion within our bounds for publication." A similar committee was appointed every subsequent year until 1845, when by a change in the Constitution the office of Corresponding Secretary was instituted. It was constituted a part of his duty to make the annual report on the state of religion in the churches. In 1853 the excellent practice was introduced by the new Secretary, Rev. A. Walker, of presenting a brief obituary notice of each minister who had died in the State during the preceding year; a custom which has been continued by each of his successors in office.

In 1856 the two "Fairbanks Boards" were formed; the one in aid of pious young men preparing for the ministry, the other for the relief of "disabled and needy clergymen of Vermont." Both

were founded by the late Joseph P. Fairbanks, of St. Johnsbury, who left by will $10,000 to each Board,—to be elected annually by the General Convention.

Resolutions against slavery were often in former days adopted in Convention. I have been particularly struck with a prediction in a report of committee, adopted in 1857, of "the not distant downfall of that fearful system of wrong." The sole surviving member of that committee is our venerable brother, long the pastor of the church in Bradford (Rev. Silas McKeen, D. D.). It may well be questioned whether any member of the body which adopted that report expected *so soon* the complete overthrow which befell slavery in America within eight years from that time.

When the gigantic Rebellion broke out in our Southern States, seeking the nation's life, members of Congregational churches, with others, flocked to the standard of our country. The General Convention was prompt to pledge to the Government and its armies their prayers, sympathies and earnest co-operation, in all suitable ways, to suppress it. Resolutions to this effect, adopted in 1862, were transmitted to President Lincoln, through William H. Seward, Secretary of State, from whom an appropriate and grateful response was received; and none rejoiced more heartily than the Congregational churches of Vermont, when, by the good hand of our God upon us, peace was restored, and the ultimate *cause* of the war completely extirpated.

In 1870 a committee was appointed to inquire whether the Convention had "such a legal character as to make it safe for persons to give to it property for specific benevolent purposes." This committee reported the next year, recommending that a special act of incorporation be applied for at the next session of the Legislature; and this the same committee were instructed to do. An Act of Incorporation was accordingly obtained in November, 1872. This Act was accepted and adopted by the Convention in 1873, and a committee appointed to revise the Constitution and By-Laws so as to conform to the provisions of the Act; and the revised Constitution and Rules of Business and Order, as now existing, were formally adopted at the meeting at Northfield in 1874.

The subject of a Sustentation Fund for the better support of

ministers, came before the Convention in 1872. A committee appointed that year reported favorably at Middlebury the next year, and a Sustentation Committee was appointed, with instructions to "proceed at once to business." This they did, and in 1874 made report that nine churches, of those applying for aid, had been accepted, and that thus no less than seven *pastors* had been "gained or saved for our State." At Bennington in 1875 the Convention voted its hearty approval of the action of the Sustentation Committee, and recommended the continued vigorous prosecution of the work.

I have thus attempted, Brethren and Fathers, to sketch (though most hastily and imperfectly) the beginnings and growth of our Vermont Congregationalism. I cannot forbear adding a few words in regard to some of the most noted and efficient Vermont pastors of former days. First in the list should come Rev. Job Swift, D. D., pastor of the first church organized in Vermont, though not its first pastor. He was born in Sandwich, Mass., in 1743, and graduated at Yale College in 1765. After performing several years of pastoral labor in Massachusetts and New York, he came to our young State about the close of the revolutionary war. For two or three years he preached in Manchester. In the spring of 1786 he was installed at Bennington, where he remained somewhat more than fifteen years. The respect in which Dr. Swift was held among his ministerial brethren is evident from the fact that in the fifteen years from 1790 to 1804—the year of his death—he served as Moderator of Association no less than sixteen times. He was the only delegate appointed by his Association to attend the meeting at which the General Convention was formed; was the first Moderator of the Convention, and twice subsequently served in the same capacity; was active and honored in Consociation, and did much in the way of organizing churches, and taking part in Councils. In short, he was eminently useful. His influence lives after him. His children and grandchildren have been and are carrying on in this State the good work begun by him.

I cannot take time to speak of Lemuel Haynes, the colored preacher of West Rutland, nor of Jedidiah Bushnell of Cornwall,

noted first as an evangelist, and then as a most useful pastor, whose labors were greatly blessed to the conversion of souls; nor of Martin Tullar of Royalton, another of the founders of the Convention, its first Scribe and Preacher, and one of the editors of "The Adviser."

But I must not dismiss so summarily Dr. Thomas A. Merrill. Graduated at Dartmouth College in 1801 with Daniel Webster, from whom he bore off the honors of the Class, in 1804 he became Tutor at Middlebury. The year following, he was installed pastor of the church in that town, and continued in that nominal relation till his death, nearly fifty years afterwards. Under his ministry Middlebury grew from a comparatively weak church, to be for many years the strongest, in numbers and influence, of all our Vermont churches. Revival succeeded revival, extending to the College, which has—largely as a result of those seasons of refreshing—sent forth many devoted ministers and honored laymen, who have given moral tone and character to the State; and thus, more than any other one institution, has contributed to the advancement of religion within our bounds. For forty-five years—upwards of half its entire history thus far—Dr. Merrill was the faithful Register of Convention, and constant in his attendance. It owes more to him than to any other man.

More recently has Dr. Chas. Walker "gone up higher." Seven years ago he met with this body, which he loved, for the last time, his countenance, as ever, beaming with benignity; showing the infirmities of age, but his spirit young, fresh and vigorous. Though not a native of Vermont, he came hither in early childhood, and here he spent almost his entire life. Graduating from Andover Seminary at the somewhat mature age of thirty, after a year's labor elsewhere he accepted a call to Rutland. Here and at Brattleboro and at Pittsford he found fields of usefulness. But he did very much for the whole State. For two years the Secretary of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society, and a long time one of its Directors, he ever took a special interest in its work and in the feeble churches of Vermont. He was also particularly interested in *Foreign* Missions, and in the cause of Education and of Temperance, and in *everything* calculated to make the world better. He was a member of the first committee ap-

pointed by the Convention with reference to the establishment of a religious paper in the State, and one of the early editors of the Chronicle has said that more help was derived from him in starting and carrying on the paper than from any other man. His end was peace.

Dr. Silas Aiken, located near Dr. Walker for a term of years, will be associated with him in many minds. Much the greater part of his life was spent elsewhere than in Vermont, and he could not therefore leave his impress on the State so decidedly. The Fairbanks Board of which he was a member, in their report shortly after his decease, said of him, "Death has removed one of our wisest, ablest and best-beloved members." It was well remarked concerning him by another, "He commanded the respect of all, and the love and confidence of those who knew him best."

The death of a much younger man occurred the same month with that of Dr. Aiken (April, 1869). I refer to Rev. Pliny H. White, of Coventry. Born in Springfield, Vt., and left fatherless at three years of age; admitted to the bar at the age of 21, he practiced law for nine years; in the meantime contributing largely to the public press, and the latter part of the time editing a weekly paper. He pursued the study of theology privately for some years, and preached his first sermon when thirty-six years old. For the last ten years of his life he labored in the Gospel ministry in the town where he died. In two revivals during this time, fifty persons were added to the church. Probably no minister of his age in Vermont was more widely or more favorably known in this and in neighboring States. He had in course of preparation a history of the Congregational churches of Vermont, for which he had gathered a great mass of materials. His premature death was doubtless the result of overwork.

I feel that there should be at least brief mention here of one who was never ordained to the work of the ministry, Dea. Ebenezer Carter Tracy. The first publisher and editor of the Vermont Chronicle, and its leading editor for nearly or quite thirty years, he did far more than any other person to give character to the paper. Professor Joseph Torrey of the University of Vermont—high authority in matters of this kind—said of the Chronicle under the editorship of Mr. Tracy, "First and last, I have taken a

great many newspapers, but the Chronicle is the only one which, from choice and love of it, I have held fast to and read from the beginning."

Passing by other names, some of which may be no less deserving of mention than some which have been named, I come last of all to one long and prominently connected with the Convention, who was with us three years ago at Middlebury, and whose death was reported last year—Rev. Harvey F. Leavitt, like Dea. Tracy, a native of Hartford, Vt. · He too, like Mr. White, was a successful lawyer for some nine years. At length he felt, as did the Apostle to the Gentiles, "Woe is unto me if I preach not the Gospel." For six years he labored, not in vain, in Strafford, and then accepted a call to Vergennes, where his pastorate continued for nearly twenty-four years. He was the first Corresponding Secretary of the General Convention, holding the office for seven years. For eighteen years he was a member, and long the Chairman, of one of the Fairbanks Boards. May many be raised up who shall be as active and useful as he.

The Constitution of the General Convention, first formally promulged in 1819, states that the "Convention receive as articles of faith the doctrines of Christianity as they are generally expressed in the Assembly's Shorter Catechism." The new Constitution, adopted in 1874, declares that "the Convention receives as articles of faith the doctrines of Christianity as they are for substance stated in the Declaration of Faith of the Boston Council of 1865. These doctrines are understood by us to be those which from the beginning have been received by the Congregational Churches of New England." It is not needful to enlarge on this doctrinal basis. Our ministers and churches generally are believed to be sound in the faith once delivered to the saints. The Convention has endorsed, printed and circulated the Assembly's Shorter Catechism; has published one or more essays on Infant Baptism, and has repeatedly urged the catechetical instruction of children.

I have trespassed too long upon your patience. I know not how better to conclude this discourse than by quoting some sentences from Dr. Merrill's History of the Convention:

"The beneficial influence exerted by the Convention has doubtless been very great. The members associated, because, in regard to the great interests of the Church, they were joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment. While they have sought the same end, the development of their views to each other has strengthened their sympathies, and united them firmly in promoting the common cause. They have never become alienated on account of slight differences of opinion in regard to doctrine."

Let us join with that venerable man, who was, under God, instrumental of so much advancement to the cause of Christ in connection with the churches of Vermont and elsewhere, in the prayer:

"May the mantle of the departed men who laid the foundation of the Convention, [and of all the other devoted servants of God who have been connected with it,] rest on those that live, and on those that in all future time may live to complete the superstructure. And may all the business of the Convention be transacted, and all the prayers be offered, in such a spirit, that every future meeting may bear the inscription, 'The Lord is there!'"

JOHN G. HALE.

Chester, Vt.

REPORT

OF THE

STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

It is the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to collect and arrange for publication the annual statistics furnished by the Conferences, and from the facts reported to present to the Convention a condensed account of the state and progress of religion in the churches during the year. The time and effort thus expended will not be in vain, if thereby fresh illustration is given of the glory of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, if there be truly told some of the wonderful works which God is now doing to bless our race.

We hold that all the true progress of the church and of the evangelization of the world, is but a practical development of the mind and will of God, it is his line going out through all the earth and his words to the end of the world. Rightly construed and contemplated, the things which have transpired during the past year will strengthen the conviction and deepen the feeling that God is, and that He is a rewarder of the faithful, it will make the Bible a truer book to us, Christ a greater Savior, and it will seem more honorable and blessed to have active part in His service and kingdom. And while the history of eighteen Christian Centuries, and more especially of the last hundred years, marvellously demonstrates the excellence of our faith, the genuineness of Bible Christianity, the *single* years, as they roll on successively, bear new and convincing testimonies to the truth and grace of Jesus. As we gather here to-day from different sections of our favored state, we rejoice to tell how the good hand of the Lord has been upon us and his word richly fulfilled unto us during the past twelve months of humble, trustful labor in his vineyard.

The reporters of the several Conferences have generally made full returns and with a good degree of promptness—the exceptional tardiness of a few churches here and there, of course causing some delay and detracting somewhat from the completeness, in matter and form, of this report. Still, in attempting in an hour's time to tell all the good things which God has done for his people, we are more embarrassed by the abundance than the scarcity of the material.

ADDISON CONFERENCE.

The first Conference on our list alphabetically was the first to make their report, which seemed to strike the key-note of the general strain of glad and grateful testimony. It places before us many tokens of spiritual growth and a real prosperity, not fully expressed by the figures. Most of the churches have received quickening from the Divine Spirit. There has been unusual thoughtfulness, prayerfulness, and expectation of revivals. Of the four churches which have each less than forty resident members, Addison is nearly extinct, Bristol is without minister or meetings of their own, but have recently shared with other Christian churches in a powerful revival, Ferrisburgh and Whiting have ministers, and the latter church is to receive an accession of new members. In Bridport, during some parts of the year there has been much general interest in religion. There is special activity for the Woman's Board of Missions, and $200 has been contributed by the ladies and children. The rewards of this cheerful giving for those afar off have come back to their own houses, many young children of that parish having been led to engage in the Christian life. A Sabbath school for the little ones, conducted by the pastor's wife, is one of most tender and profitable interest. With the neighboring church of Shoreham the last half of the year has been of increasing spiritual profit to the church and among the youth. They have looked and still look for a great refreshing. The preaching of the word has been heard with earnest, tearful attention, social meetings are well attended, and the hour filled with edifying service. They have been greatly blessed in singing hymns of revival import, and believe that God comforts and saves many a soul through psalms and hymns and spiritual songs. In Salisbury extra meetings have been held, and the church wonderfully strengthened, and now see the way of duty more plainly than heretofore. Several have sought and found Christ, and eleven added to the church by profession. The pastor at Vergennes has resigned, but the meetings are well sustained by an united and vigorous church. The younger members are active, working and growing. Sabbath teaching in the Reform School is a matter of interest with them. Eleven have been added to this church by profession, and the same number to New Haven, where the religious condition is improved. The attendance at the Sabbath school has never been larger than now. There has been considerable interest at New Haven Mills. The church in Weybridge, small in numbers but vital and vigorous, has had a prosperous year. The church in Middlebury, reporting 412 members, the largest in the Conference, has [illegible] he

past year, and has also removed seventy-eight names from their roll. Both facts indicate real advance. First there was a thorough revision of the roll preparatory to the issuing of a church manual, involving extensive investigation and correspondence. Of those supposed to be living members, seventeen were found to be dead, some had joined other churches, twenty-seven took letters of dismission, there were a few cases of discipline, and a considerable number who had been absent over five years without good reason for not asking letters, have also been separated. With the removal of the dead branches the living vine has continued to flourish and to bear much fruit. The revival of last year had never really ceased, and there was a constant anticipation of a greater blessing. This was realized early in March, in connection with a ten days' service of the Gospel workers and a union movement with the Methodists. This commenced with a large attendance, and soon the sanctuaries were filled. Many rose for prayers, and a goodly number expressed hope. The work has developed as more valuable even than it seemed at the time. Christians were greatly quickened, others previously somewhat interested have been brought to take a stand. The first Sabbath in May, fifty-two united with the church, forty-five by profession. The College has shared largely in the work. Several of the students have professed their faith here, and others will do so at their homes. The works still goes on in the community. Business men are accepting Christ. Delegations go out into the districts Sabbath afternoons and evenings to hold meetings. Several stand ready to unite with the church at the next communion. One of the marked and delightful fruits of the revival has been the cordial spirit of unity that has been awakened between the churches co-operating in this movement.

BENNINGTON CONFERENCE.

From every church in this county there come some words of hope and cheer, of cheer for what God has wrought in a revived state of religious interest generally, and of times of refreshing in so many of our fields of labor, and of hope concerning the future in the way of the Lord being prepared for still greater blessings. Arlington has had some increase in membership, and more than holds its own in other respects. A good degree of earnestness and constancy still exists among the faithful ones of Bennington First. On the part of the children and youth there has been a turning unto the Lord, and some who are still quite young seek [illegible] church. There has been no special labor here, [illegible] and his co-workers. Bennington Second has

had considerable accessions to the Congregation, Sabbath School and Church, and the people are united and happy in their new pastoral relation, having reluctantly yielded their late pastor to the call of Middlebury College. Peace and unity have prevailed at North Bennington, and edification and increase. Prayer meetings are well attended, and most take part. A Tuesday evening Bible reading has been established and made profitable. A new spiritual prosperity has been attained in Dorset, very many having thought upon their ways and turned their feet unto the testimonies of Christ, and there having been a ready, glad consecration of God's people to better living and more faithful working for the Master. East Dorset has been without regular services most of the year, but having now nearly finished thorough repairs of the Church building, probably it will soon be reopened and occupied. To the church and people of Manchester distinguishing favor from above has been shown. In the early autumn there was noticed a new and deeper solicitude on the part of the praying ones in the weekly meetings. This deepened and spread into the week of prayer, when it was very evident that God was with them to bless. Soon after, the Gospel workers came and labored five days in this village, and five more at Factory Point, near by. The other churches united in the services, and these were real union meetings. At the second meeting held, some thirty rose for the prayers of Christians, and at the close of the meeting it was believed some one hundred had been born anew, and several conversions have taken place since. Forty-eight have professed their faith with the Congregational, and about thirty-five with the other churches. The converts appear well, several prominent men are among them, the regular meetings are quiet and solemn, Sabbath school and missionary work is zealously prosecuted, there is a new aspect of spiritual life through the community, and earnest prayer is offered that the work may not cease.

In Peru there has been, this season, a good degree of religious interest, and quite a number are expected to unite at the next communion. The state of religion at North Pownal has not been as good, probably, for twenty-five years before as for the past few months. But their prospects are somewhat clouded by financial misfortunes. There is a decidedly improved condition in Rupert. Services have been revived in Sandgate with the acceptable ministrations of a Methodist preacher, and this field, long desolate, again rejoices in some of the public means of grace. The brethren of Bennington county went to the last convention with hearts saddened by a less fruitful year than usual, but they were inspirited by the refreshing breezes coming from the east and north, and now they are able to rejoice not only in what they have

heard, but also in what they themselves have seen and received. They now thank God and take courage.

CALEDONIA CONFERENCE.

For this county, as a whole, it is justly claimed that the past year has been one of uncommon religious prosperity. If there has been no special revival it is because there has been little of that apathy in the churches which calls for a revival. The powerful influence from on high during last year in almost every congregation, turning so many to repentance, has in a good degree continued, as an impulse to Christian work, biblical study, and growth in Christian character. The fruits of this great revival appear even more largely in the figures of the past than of the previous year, additions having been made by profession to every church in the conference — 430 in the aggregate — an average of thirty to each church. The converts, as a whole, have stood the test of a year's service remarkably well, some few only in the comparison revealing the fact that they had no root in themselves. From the South church, St. Johnsbury, which has received 108 members the past year, the report comes saying the year has been characterized by the spiritual growth and development of Christians. The weekly prayer-meetings must have averaged nearly two hundred. The Bible is much studied. Of the North church, which has received 114 members, it is said no revival is in progress, but an active, earnest religious feeling is manifest in full prayer-meetings and readiness to do any Christian work. The pastor of this church was dismissed in June, and his successor installed in November. Danville, which has received forty-eight members during the year, is in an improved religious condition, and ready for Christian work. The church in Peacham is in better condition than for several years, the revival of last year resulting, probably, in more than sixty conversions, many of whom being academy students have united with other churches. More than usual attention has been given to the list of absent members, and the number is being largely reduced. The aggregate membership of this church, from its organization, has now risen to upwards of one thousand, being an average addition of more than one member per month for the eighty-two years of its existence, an historical fact worthy of notice in this centennial year. The church in Barnet has received forty-four members, mostly converts in the Gospel meetings of April, 1875, and is in a good condition of Christian activity and spiritual growth. Several prayer-meetings are sustained for various classes and at different times and places. But the enlargement of the church has

necessarily cut it off from the aid which it has received from the Sustentation fund without increasing its ability to support the Gospel, and the removal of a few members of pecuniary ability increases the burdens of those remaining. In St. Johnsbury East the pastor writes, the year has been one of ingathering. Twenty-two have come into the church, and quite a number who appear as well as these do not see their way clear to make an open profession. The social meetings, particularly the young people's, have been well attended, and awakened much interest. The year has been a prosperous one on the whole at St. Johnsbury Centre. The work of the year has been chiefly to deepen spiritual life in the church, though there have been a few conversions. A Ladies' Missionary Society has been formed and a branch of the Young Men's Christian Association organized. Of the forty-six who have joined the church in Waterford the most thus far seem to be growing Christians. The church, as a whole, occupies higher ground than formerly, though it suffers for lack of faithful discipline. McIndoes has received thirty-nine members and Hardwick eighteen, the latter mostly young people. Lyndonville is in a healthy condition, spiritually, and is endeavoring to pay off their church-building debt of $3000 by the system of weekly offerings. We are sorry this church failed to report the amount of their contributions to the Woman's Board. Congregations in Lyndon are increasing. East Burke has been vacant, but has some prospect of preaching the present year. Through the labors of the Gospel workers the church in Cabot has been quickened and some are expected to join on profession at the next communion. Steps have been taken towards thorough repairs of the house of worship at an expense of some $1,200. This review of Caledonia suggests anew the phrase in the patriarch's benediction,—"It is as the smell of a field which the Lord hath blessed."—Gen. 27:27.

CHITTENDEN CONFRENCE

Furnishes brief reports of both sad and cheering news. The Third church of Burlington speaks of more than average interest in church and Sabbath school and of a corresponding number of additions to the church by profession. In Colchester certain favorable indications early in the season were reversed by a breaking out of the spirit of the dance, and the special pursuit of other social recreations. Still there has been an increase of attendance, and some seem to be coming into the fold of Christ. We deeply regret the continued disability of the pastor at Hinesburg for full ministerial service. The church at Jericho has been blessed with a great awakening, and many sinners have been converted. The

town, in all its parishes, has not witnessed such an outpouring of God's Spirit for many years. The second church reorganized two years ago has shared in this good work, and now claims to be a live and growing church. The church at Underhill has also experienced a great refreshing, and on the second Sabbath of May thirty-one were added. But a sudden stroke of bereavement came upon them in the death, by disease of the heart, of their worthy pastor, Rev. A. J. Rogers. Westford too is greatly revived, and there have been about thirty professed conversions.

ESSEX CONFERENCE.

Of the three churches in this conference, only one, Granby and Victory, has had constant preaching during the year, and they report a general quickening in their families. Some twelve persons give evidence of having become Christians, though few have made public profession. There is less of the tone of discouragement on the part of the church in Guildhall than at the previous reporting. The society is repairing the church edifice to some extent, and trying to secure a pastor. Lunenburg has now for six months enjoyed ministerial service, and other aids to the edification of old and young, and a number of persons are hoping in Christ. The Gospel workers have been instrumental of much good to all these churches.

FRANKLIN AND GRAND ISLE CONFERENCE.

The majority of the churches of Franklin county have shared in the extensive spiritual refreshings of the past year, and rejoice in more or less abundant fruits of quickening and converting grace. The church at Alburgh has received additions, is in a devoted and hopeful state, and expects the preaching of a student during the summer. Highgate has some gains, but nearly equal losses, and feels the need of a revival. Franklin has gratefully received a refreshing from the presence of the Lord. An unusual blessing has come upon East Berkshire, and the type of religious interest there has undergone a great change. Many willing and efficient workers for Christ have been called forth. They have a well-attended young people's meeting, and an increased Sabbath school. A revival of considerable interest followed at Samsonville, two miles below, which was also the result of Gospel meetings. Montgomery sends a favorable report. The Lord has been very gracious to the church and people of Enosburgh. A minister from Missouri held meetings there in February, followed by the workers, continuing several days, as also at Enosburgh Falls, with happy results. The church and whole community have not

been so thoroughly aroused as at the present time for many years. At Sheldon some have come into the light and liberty of the Gospel. Swanton is deeply afflicted and straitened by reason of the sudden loss of a beloved pastor, Rev. John Rogers, who died within three months of the beginning of his service in that place. From St. Albans we learn that the awakening of the spring of 1875 has not come to an end. That work of grace glided very naturally during December into the general "Gospel movement," and great activity has marked the membership of the church. About fifty male members have gone out at the bidding of a central committee, representing the three evangelical churches, to evangelize the out-stations of St. Albans and other parts of the country. Great success has attended their efforts, and the reflex blessing has been very conspicuous. A young people's prayer meeting, (Sunday evening, preceding service,) has steadily increased in numbers and interest. A boy's prayer meeting has been carried on chiefly by lads of the parish, to the great improvement of the still younger classes, sometimes thirty attending. An unusual degree of kindly feeling toward the Methodist and Baptist parishes has resulted from cordial co-operation, and notwithstanding ancient animosities rending the town, in this large church perfect peace and good fellowship have prevailed. Owing to hard times, the benevolent contributions have fallen off, but the parish finances have prospered. A very large proportion of that element in the parish which can easily be reached is in the church. We turn to the future with much hopefulness and faith. The little church of Fairfield presents a sad contrast to the above, reporting religion at a very low ebb, an unhappy division of two years' standing, and appealing for counsel and prayer in their behalf.

The thankful testimony from this Conference may properly close with the glad report which comes from the church at Bakersfield. The blessing of the Lord upon this church has been unprecedented. The first nine months of the year the power and Spirit of the Lord were manifestly present in the regular services of the church. The word was with power. A new and higher life began to appear. The word of God was searched and compared. Prayerfulness, even wrestling in prayer, began to be not uncommon. During the winter a special prayer meeting was called for, to which all were invited who felt drawn by the Spirit to ask for a revival. None were pressed to come; none were personally invited. Many came to those meetings. The prayers were understood to be for one thing. Personal work was encouraged, and reports and requests for prayers presented. This meeting was a great blessing to those who frequented it. When the Gospel workers made an appointment to visit the town, special

prayer was offered for them and their work, with many assurances of faith that God would answer. When they came, the work soon broke out, and many of the young and old were found turning to the Lord. Convictions for sin were deep and terrible. Nearly all who sought the Lord soon came to the conscious enjoyment of rest and peace in Christ. Twenty-three united with the church, and others are expected at the next communion. The members of the church were quickened, and encouraged to labor for others. The Lord is good; his mercy endureth forever.

LAMOILLE CONFERENCE.

Most of these churches (save the two feeble organizations in Hydepark, which make but little report) have been considerably revived and strengthened. The resident membership at Cambridge has been doubled, the additions being from those who had been active members of the society. There is revealed a new life of brotherly kindness, and an interest in the work of Christ and the Holy Spirit pervades to a considerable extent the minds of the people, as discovered in a tender spirit of religious inquiry. Morrisville church has had more than usual interest. This appeared in April and May of last year, resulting in ten or twelve conversions, and deepened in June by the service of Gospel workers. The new spirit of work has made it easy to do what they had been seeking to accomplish for some years—the establishment of district meetings. The additions are more than in any previous year of the church's history. A special praise meeting commemorative of the goodness of the Lord to them during the past five years, was held in October, in connection with which a very suggestive and useful printed schedule was issued. Stowe has also been somewhat revived, several conversions having occurred during the week of prayer and since. The church in Wolcott, which commenced the year with but partial and irregular enjoyment of the means of grace, has since been greatly revived and encouraged. A prayerful spirit was awakened by union meetings, followed in the fall and winter by the faithful service of a ministerial brother from Boston, who visited from house to house, and held evening meetings. Brethren from St. Johnsbury came in with help, which was richly blessed through the outpouring of the Spirit, and in the conversion of souls to God. This work has been largely among adults, and not confined to those who had heretofore attended the sanctuary. Persons of irregular habits, and who had disregarded the Sabbath, have commenced a life of prayer. Thirty have been added by profession to this church, now reporting but forty-one members. The Lord will comfort Zion; He will comfort her waste places.

ORANGE CONFERENCE.

In nearly all of the churches it has been a year of unusual prosperity. Perhaps never before has the field embraced within their limits been more faithfully, and all things considered, more successfully worked than since May 1, 1875. In about two-thirds of the twenty churches which report, well organized efforts for advancing the kingdom of Christ have been put forth throughout the whole year. The churches seem to have accepted the Great Commission, the lay members having put forth their hands to the work and gone out into the remote parts of the field to tell what the Saviour has done for them, and invite others to join them in the Master's service. In some five or six towns Y. M. C. Associations have been formed, doing much to awaken an interest in religious things; in other places the young men have attempted a like work in behalf of the churches to which they belong. Some of the churches have enjoyed special revival interest during some parts of the year, and others have received constant additions as a result of steady persevering effort. The whole number added has been 238, compared with 152 last year, and that number was more than one-third greater than for some years previous. This prosperity is not however universal in the county. Four or five of the churches are without regular, and one without any preaching, weakened by removals and deaths; yet one church is alluded to which has only a name to live, although it has forty-five members mostly on the ground.

We will briefly refer to particular churches, though necessarily omitting much that is of interest for lack of space. In Bradford there has been increased interest and some conversions. The members in Braintree are few but united in lifting the Gospel Standard whether with or without the presence of a preacher. A theological student was with them a part of the year. East Braintree has been better supplied than usual, and has made progress in spite of opposing elements. There has been a good measure of faith and prayer in Brookfield First, and souls converted. The Second church in Brookfield reports a gracious visitation from on high. A Y. M. C. A. was formed early in the fall. Beginning work they found the field whiter than they supposed. The interest began in a S. S. class of young men, none of whom were Christians. Through the enthusiasm of their teacher they had raised thirty dollars to support a scholar in India. They began a prayer meeting, the interest expanding, and culminating at a meeting of the Circular Conference, when about fifty rose for prayers. The chief appliances throughout the revival were the meetings of the church and those of the Christian Association.

Thirty or more have already united with the church. The pastor writes, that after due allowance for immediate effect and influences he feels that the revival is largely due to the patient and faithful prayers of the tried and the true followers of Christ in times of coldness and discouragement. All classes, old and young alike are embraced in the work, and the genuinness of the change is evinced by their readiness to engage in the Master's work. It has been a year of progress and growth in Chelsea, and of earnest Christian work. A Christian Association formed in January sustained four district meetings through the winter, and in the summer branch Sabbath Schools are kept up. The interest at Corinth began to manifest itself in a small school district where the pastor held evening meetings. More than seventy persons would convene in the small dilapidated school house, and opportunity being given for the pledge to one another and to God, to use scriptural effort to meet in heaven, all but one immediately stood on their feet, and that one is now a worker in social meetings. Good has resulted from the Gospel meetings, held at East Corinth, but the chief instrumentality has been the ordinary means of Grace faithfully employed. Forty-three have been gathered into this church since the last report. The Good seed has been sown at West Fairlee with hope of a harvest in due time. There has been a steady growth at Newbury, the numbers attending public and social worship having increased, much work done in out districts by the young men, and several persons have begun the new life. A good foundation is being laid at West Newbury for the upbuilding of God's kingdom in the future. At Post Mills advantage has resulted from special meetings held recently for ten evenings in succession. At West Randolph there has been a growth in the knowledge of God, in Christian Spirit and the general efficiency of the church. Increased thoroughness in Biblical study, and more benevolent work appear in Strafford. The figures from the church of Thetford indicate a year of earnest labor. A young man in that church has the ministry in view. The parish at Wells River is a large and interesting one, and the working force of the church is well developed. There has been an interesting revival at Williamstown, beginning with the week of prayer and receiving fresh impulse from the Gospel workers. Some seventy-five persons are believed to have begun the new life, a number of them from other towns and congregations. They have put off their sackcloth and are being girded with gladness.

Much has been done in the way of outward improvements in this county. A new church edifice has been in process of erection at considerable expense at Bradford, and is soon to be dedicated. Extensive repairs are being made in the house of worship at

Chelsea, and a large debt has been paid. The new parsonage at Wells River is nearly completed, and a valuable organ purchased. Newbury has a new chandelier, and the parsonage at Williamstown has been much improved.

Such are some of the tokens of progress among these churches, of their spiritual prosperity and of consequent improvement in other respects. The gracious influences of our blessed King have come down on Orange County "like rain upon the mown grass: as showers that water the earth. In his days shall the righteous flourish."

ORLEANS CONFERENCE.

Albany, the first church on the list, is reported as being in a bad condition financially and spiritually. They have no preaching and no prospect of any at present. Barton makes good report of state of religion, and has added to its membership the past year, as appears from the statistics. The little church at Brighton is supplied by the Methodist Conference. Brownington and Barton Landing are one church with two congregations. A house of worship for the Landing was dedicated Jan. 17th, unencumbered by debt, the people giving freely to the enterprize. There has been an encouraging religious condition all the year. Charleston has been blessed with a good work of grace, commencing the beginning of December. There was a union of Congregationalists and Free Baptists. The meetings were anticipated with prayers, well attended, and full of solemn interest. On the third evening more than thirty rose for prayers, of whom the larger part seemed to be born again that night. It was a marked feature of this revival, in its earliest stages, that far the larger part of those who rose for prayers came almost at once to Christ, and found peace in believing. A young people's meeting, established at once, has been well sustained, contributing to the growth of Christian character and helping them to take part in more general meetings. From the first they have been earnest to win others to Christ. Twenty-seven made profession the first Sabbath in April, and others are expected hereafter. The Lord has indeed done great things for us, whereof we are glad.

The usual quiet movement of affairs continues at Coventry. Craftsbury has been greatly quickened, especially in connection with Gospel and union meetings. A young men's meeting has proved the centre of spiritual forces for the community. Fifty to seventy were frequently in attendance, of whom two thirds were ready to take part. They have been faithful in personal effort to win others, and there is hardly a young man in the community who has not been repeatedly urged to come to Jesus. In the

social meetings many lips have been unsealed to the praise of God's grace. Special help is found in the exercise of fragmentary prayer to which the whole audience bow, and many brief requests of only a single petition follow each other. A most precious result is the complete harmony of action and the Christian love between the different churches in the town. The church in Derby has changed its pastor, revised its creed, covenant and records, and prepared a brief historical sketch of the church. It has been to some extent a year of ingathering for the church in Glover, though some still delay making a public profession. One member has been licensed to preach the Gospel. Arrangements have been made for preaching at West Glover every Sabbath, and a Sabbath school of about a hundred members organized. Greensboro is without a pastor, and suffers from adverse influences. Holland is also destitute, though meetings and the school have been continued in the east part of the town, and a blessing experienced. The additions to the church in Irasburgh embrace largely the elements of strength and usefulness. Scripture-reading meetings have been held during the summer in some six different school-houses, so as to reach, if possible, all the inhabitants of the town. This method of labor for the community at large seems well adapted to its object. In the autumn and winter, evening meetings are held in the same places, and many of the people are found in an inquiring state. The churches of Lowell and Westfield share in the services of one pastor, and in both there has been a marked increase of spirituality and interested and profitable attendance on the means of grace, with tokens of the Spirit's presence. Several additions have been made to each. In Lowell, extensive repairs have been made at an expense of $1,000. A rich blessing has come to the Christian people of Morgan, including the members of the Congregational church, and their people. The church in Troy is reduced to nine resident members, but reports a better religious interest. This, as well as the church at North Troy, avail themselves of Methodist preaching. A great blessing has come to the latter place. Of Newport we learn that the rich revival of a year ago left plenty of work to be done, and the church has taken up the work *well*. While there are many discouragements to Christian labor in such a place, the encouragements in that town have been multiplied the past year. The organization of a Y. M. C. A. has brought the three churches of the village into close union in their work. Meetings have been held in out districts, reaching and bringing in many who would else have been neglected. From nearly all these districts, two to fifteen miles distant, the workers have brought back the report, "The people are hungry for the Gospel." A daily prayer meeting

was established in April, 1875, and has been sustained till the present time without interruption or abated interest. On the whole, the cause of Christ has gained much ground in this town during the year.

RUTLAND CONFERENCE.

The first two churches on their roll, Benson and Brandon, have this year lost their pastors by dismission. Castleton received a new one in October, and Danby and Hubbardton are again supplied with resident ministers. Quite a hopeful spirit prevails even in the weaker churches, though amid frequent losses. Ten of the churches report additions, the whole number exceeding by one half the whole number of removals in the Conference. Several of the towns have been favored with special influences of the Spirit. Over twenty conversions have occurred in an outdistrict of Brandon in meetings held by members of the Congregational and other churches. Several young people connected with the High School in Pittsford have been converted. Additions are made to the church in Rutland at every communion. Hubbardton anticipates additions by profession, and Sudbury is more hopeful, having repaired the church edifice, procured a cabinet organ and increased its attendance. West Rutland reports a very gracious revival. The winter was one of growing interest and prayerful expectation. The whole parish was canvassed, and the church pledged to prayer and labor in connection with the Gospel workers who were expected, and who found everything ready on their arrival. A deep interest was manifested at once, and many conversions, and the work has since gone on with little diminution of power. May 7th was a memorable one for this church. Thirty-four persons made profession, their ages ranging from seventy to fourteen, eighteen being heads of families. Many others give evidence of a saving change. Wallingford has had a somewhat remarkable year. Unusual losses by death occurred during 1875, including their only deacon, the leading soprano-singer, and one ninth of their resident membership. The church felt that the hand of God was upon them with peculiar severity. They betook themselves to the mercy-seat with increasing faith and importunity. During three weeks in December continuous meetings were held in the Baptist church by a lady revivalist. Union meetings were held during the week of prayer, and special services in the Congregational church for two or three weeks afterward. Help was given by the pastors of Rutland [redacted] All these meetings were blessed to the quickening [redacted] and the conversion of sinners. Of the for[redacted]

since the last report, nearly one half are husbands and wives, the larger number of whom thus became confessedly fellow-heirs of the grace of life, though in several cases one of the married pair has been taken into the number of the consecrated ones while the other is left.

WASHINGTON CONFERENCE.

The past year has witnessed more than usual interest in most of the churches. A new church has been organized, a pastor ordained and one dismissed. There remain the same number of pastors and ministers as by the last report. Barre has enjoyed a refreshing. Many members were quickened, and some have returned who had neglected Christian ordinances. There is a gain in brotherly love. Of the twenty-two who made a profession, twelve were heads of families, and some were members of the Academy. Only four were under twenty years of age. Christians at Berlin have been much revived, and the Spirit has been poured out abundantly on the people. Twenty-five or thirty have found the Saviour, and the interest is as great as at any time. The year at West Berlin has been one of sore trial, but there is now less of the feeling of discouragement. Their sentiment now is, If we trust in the Lord and do right, we shall be carried through. Duxbury has been without preaching, but now expects it every alternate Sabbath. At Marshfield there has been a marked growth among Christians, and some have been converted. The feeling still seems to be deepening. The great need of the church at Montpelier is the presence of the Holy Spirit. We seem to have everything desirable and needful but this. It is clearly possible for a church to have a fair amount of worldly prosperity without great vigor of spiritual life. There are hopeful signs in that many in the church are mourning over its low estate. At Northfield the year commenced in discouraging circumstances, reduced by removals and burdened with a debt. The payment of the debt has been provided for, and new families have come in, so that, humanly speaking, the church is in better condition than for two years previous. In two neighborhoods there has been some special interest. At Plainfield there seems to be some thought that more ought to be done, but the readiness to do it does not yet appear. There is some interest, and it is hoped some conversions, among young people outside of the church. The brethren at Roxbury feel that there has been some substantial gain with them. Some have found the Saviour, and there has been a marked increase of grace and knowledge. The meetings have been better atte[illegible]preciated. Waitsfield has been blessed fin[illegible]ip is completed

and free of debt. The meetings have been unusually well attended, and more added to the church than in any previous year of the present pastorate. The Sabbath school was increased, and some of its members came to a saving knowledge of Jesus. The church at Waterbury has settled a pastor, and has been in a state of revival since January. Worcester is left without a shepherd and in a very low condition, having had serious losses during the last two years. Still they are not without faith in the Almighty Helper.

A new church at Woodbury is this year added to the roll of the Conference. It was organized November 30th, as the result of a student's labors there during the summer and autumn, in connection with which was an interesting work of grace. It reports thirty-seven members, twenty-one of whom are males, and thirty-three joined on profession. They have a Sabbath school of eighty, and a congregation of a hundred. They have secured for a year the ministerial services of a graduate of Yale. We trust this centennial church is to live a hundred years, year by year growing in knowledge and grace, and ever increasing in honor and usefulness.

WINDHAM CONFERENCE.

Two of the churches have secured parsonages during the year, Putney having built, and West Brattleboro purchased a house. At West Westminster the house of worship has been remodeled to quite an extent. The larger part of the churches report a good degree of interest and numerous additions by profession. A few of the weaker ones have been specially blessed, among which are Jamaica, Wilmington, Londonderry and Wardsboro, although the latter does not yet report additions. In some of these places the Gospel workers have held meetings during the year with good results. A number of the churches have not yet gathered in all the fruits of their labors. Many of the societies have felt the pressure of the times in their financial affairs, and been obliged to lose their ministers. The list of vacancies has slightly increased. Brattleboro and West Dover have dismissed their pastors. Windham has installed a pastor. The revision of the lists of some of the churches, and more careful returns, reveal some discrepancies as compared with the figures of last year, and indicate smaller apparent than real net gains. With all the changes, however, the reports show progress, and there is reason to thank the great Giver for what he has bestowed.

WINDSOR CONFERENCE.

In Springfield good attendance has been given to the word, though by reason of sickness the average Sabbath congregations

are somewhat reduced, and death has made sad inroads. In connection with the Gospel meetings in November, the word was blessed to the conversion of some souls, and to the quickening of the church. This awakened a new interest in the study of the scriptures, and a noticeable increase in attendance upon the Sabbath school, to which not less than forty new members have been added this year. The benevolent contributions, composing half of the whole amount from the Conference, include two legacies, and only such funds are reported as have passed through the hands of the Treasurer or Executor. To the church in Chester thirty-eight have been added, mostly the fruits of the revival of the previous year. Most of the converts appear well, and some bid fair to be very useful. A mission circle has been formed among the young, who have raised $50; also a Y. M. C. A., in which Christians of different names unite. Weston has been destitute of preaching most of the year, save eighteen weeks' supply by a student from Yale, but has now obtained an acting pastor. They have sustained a weekly prayer meeting, and have participated in the union prayer meetings and in the useful services of the Gospel workers in that place. The brethren in Ludlow are much in sympathy with their pastor, whose abundant labors for his own and other churches of the state have resulted in impaired health, and in being laid aside, it is hoped for but a little time. The little band at Ascutneyville evidently feel their disadvantage in the halving of their privilege as to the ownership and occupancy of the house of worship, and as to their claim upon the ministry, which is simply that of alternate preaching on the Sabbath, without regular pastoral service during the week. The reporting brother evidently longs for the day when mere denominational preferences shall give place, specially in small parishes, to the concentration of the prayer and effort of all Christians to the building up, through one organization, of the Redeemer's kingdom. Windsor reports a few hopeful conversions of marked interest, the death of some important members, and decrease of congregations from sickness. They have a well-sustained Sabbath school, and they improve the present season of seed-sowing, working for a harvest in the future. Reference is also made to a temperance revival in the place, resulting from discourses in the Methodist church, and a series of evening religious meetings bringing scores of souls to Christ. There has been a decided interest in religious things at Woodstock, with several conversions and public professions. Union meetings have been held, to the general advantage of the churches, thus uniting under the common Master. There was quite a revival interest in Hartland during the winter, first appearing in union meetings, and keeping pace with the measure

of union feeling manifested, and with willingness to work only for the salvation of souls. In Hartford, the influence of the revival of last year has continued in this, with a new impulse in the week of prayer. New interest is shown in the Bible service, and the Sabbath school organization more definitely fixed. Mention is made of the active part taken by young Christians in the prayer meetings at the chapel and in the school-houses. The benefit of last year's revival is also realized at West Hartford, with some new quickening at the meetings in March of the present year. The ordinary services are maintained at Pomfret. There are enough members (seven) left of the old organization at Barnard to make report, and to claim to be "no Congregational church." The church in Stockbridge, which has been much depressed by removals and financial embarrassment, is greatly revived and strengthened through the blessing of God upon a Gospel meeting in January. Gratifying results of a practical character have followed the hearty reconsecration and ready activity of the members, the prayer meetings improved in attendance and spirit, and the Sabbath school in numbers and interest. There have also been several hopeful conversions. Pittsfield has been much afflicted in the death of several of the older members, but there has been much earnest prayer, with some tokens of divine favor. The pulpit is filled by both Congregational and Methodist ministers alternating between this place and Stockbridge. Rochester is of late enjoying a much needed refreshing from on high, and Bethel reports more than usual interest. There seems to be a good degree of spiritual prosperity at Royalton. South Royalton, though without a minister for a year, has yet by reading services increased their congregation, and the attendance and interest of their Sabbath school. The church at Sharon has gathered in eleven members as the fruit of meetings last year, has restored one person to fellowship after a separation of forty-three years, and sustains a large Sabbath school in an out-district. The Good Templars, with a society of eighty members, have had a beneficial influence for the cause of temperance. It is gratefully acknowledged by the church in Norwich that the past year has been one of marked progress with them. The evidence of growth is not alone, is not chiefly, in numbers, but in the knowledge of God's word, and in spirituality, in holiness. There has been a deepening interest on the part of the congregation, in the study of the Bible, and a spirit of inquiry as to the bearing of the truth upon the individual heart and life. It is not easy yet to say how many have decided to follow Christ—those who have joined the church, eighteen in number, being Christians of longer standing. There has not been that concentration of religious interest at any time which would

be called a revival, but the Holy Spirit's influence has been effectively present, richly fulfilling his word. "I will be as the dew unto Israel." A six days' meeting, under the direction of the Y. M. C. A. committee, in April, was a blessing. Its good effects still abide.

From nearly or quite every Conference, and from a large proportion of the churches of the State, grateful mention is made of the work of the Young Men's Christian Associations. The general spirit and methods of this work, the aims and results, were well described in the report of last year. The experience of another year confirms the practical wisdom of the measure, its obvious adaptation to the condition of our people, and it seems to bear the approval of the Divine Master. The calls for Gospel meetings from the towns of the State have been greatly multiplied, there is a larger number of workers, and these as a class are older and more efficient, having come nearer to the Lord in personal experience. Over ninety places have been visited, in some of which the way had been carefully prepared, and earnest, faithful co-operation being given, extensive revival has usually resulted. Conversions have taken place in almost every town, nearly a thousand persons, it is estimated, having entered upon the new life during the progress of the meetings, while many conversions have followed after their close. Of those who have bowed to the sceptre of Jesus, there has been the usual variety in classes and conditions, showing that still the Gospel is not for the few only, but for the many—that Christ died for all. Upon many heads gray with age has the baptismal seal been placed; in some communities the most prominent men in business, the strongest men in society, have come out on the Lord's side. While, as commonly, the regular attendants at the sanctuary, the learners in the Sabbath school have seemed to be nearest the opening doors of the kingdom, not a few of those who were irreligious, profane, and far from righteousness have been reached and rescued. The work has probably been most fruitful among the young. Particularly noticeable has been the movement among our young men. Thoughtful, earnest, moral young men, already respected and loved, have come to see that they lacked the one thing needful, and by faith in Christ have found a better, a more joyful life. This class has been readily reached by the Gospel workers, and when converted they have themselves readily found and entered the field of labor. In many parishes the hearts of young children have been kindly, savingly affected. Most encouraging reports come from our higher institutions of learning. The religious state of Middlebury college is excellent. From half to two-thirds

of the students are hopefully Christians. A large proportion of the Senior class will enter the ministry. There has been a delightful spiritual atmosphere in St. Johnsbury academy during the year, and several conversions at different times. At Thetford and Barre academies, at the Pittsford High school, at Burr and Burton Seminary and other schools, a like state of religious feeling has existed.

From the summary of statistical returns we gather the following facts, some of which are very suggestive and cheering. One or two names of former organizations disappear from our roll, but a new church has been organized, with a goodly number of members recently gathered into the fold of the Saviour. The present total of churches is 196. The number of vacant pulpits is reduced to thirty-seven, ten less than last year. The number of ministers has increased to 205, of whom sixty-four are pastors, seventy-six acting pastors, fourteen licentiates, and fifty-one are without charge. Nine have been dismissed, seven installed, three ordained, and two have been suddenly called from the midst of their labors to their reward. There has been considerable gain in the average congregations, now amounting in the aggregate to 20,707. These represent a very much larger number, perhaps twice as many actual members of the congregations, of persons who are more or less frequent attendants upon public worship. The whole number connected with the Sabbath schools on the first of May is reported at 20,720. There has been a decided gain in benevolent contributions of more than one tenth, reaching upwards of $45,000.

If now we turn from the numbers indicating the hearers of the word, the enrolled learners, and the givers of charity, and ask how many are ready for the most significant of all gifts, *themselves*, coming freely to the altar of consecration, the answering figures become eloquent and inspiring More than two thirds of the churches report additions by profession of faith, and in considerable numbers, there being an average of thirteen to each of the 135 churches so reporting; and of about 140 to each Conference. This is a very decided advance even upon the encouraging returns of last year. There were then 1,056 professions as compared with 415 the year previous, and as compared with an average of less than 700 for fifteen years. That rising by a ratio of one and a half, has now taken a second step to two and a half times the general average, there having entered into covenant with Christ and his Church 1,810 persons during the last twelve months. The total of additions is 2,270, and of removals 876, giving a net gain in membership of nearly 1,400. All the Conferences have gained save Essex, with its three churches, which has lost two members more than have been added.

There has been an increase of household baptisms by one quarter over the previous year. But the far-larger record of the baptism of adults — 1141, nearly two thirds of those making profession, indicates that this has been an aggressive work; that the Gospel has gone out beyond the hearthstones of the believers and the pale of the sanctuaries, with saving light and conquering power. And is it not to-day one of the instructive aspects of the moral world as it lies just without our congregations, that so many have exchanged the look of distrust and dislike towards Christian people for that of desire and expectancy; and we can almost hear them say, come, let us go up into the house of the God of Jacob and he will teach us of his ways and we will walk in his paths? There is now a rare opportunity for the prosecution of Gospel conquests. In what has been done and in what now seems easy to do, Providence encourages us to take possession of the land in Immanuel's name,— for these are Pentecostal days. Do not the facts in the religious history of this age and nation justify this application of the term? True, we read that three thousand persons were converted on that wonderful first Sabbath of the effusion of the Spirit, and within a few days or weeks the number had reached five thousand. These were of persons not only from Judea and Jerusalem but from all the countries and nations round about. They were the fruit of the work of evangelization going on in all the earth. It is a rough estimate, indeed,— we trust not a wild one,— that during the fifty-two weeks of the centennial year there has been an average for each Sabbath of not less than three thousand conversions to the crucified one, and of this addition of such as shall be saved to our American churches. Of these the Congregational churches of the little state of Vermont will have furnished their proportion, new-born souls at the rate of thirty-five each week having steadily been brought into the kingdom.

This adding of one tenth to our resident membership in one year by no means constitutes the fullness of the blessing received. Of the remaining nine tenths of former members, very many, if theirs be not the particular joy of the new convert, have yet received a new baptism of light and grace, of peace and power from on high. The happy effect upon our commonwealth and upon the national community, of this extensive spiritual quickening, is not readily estimated. Vermont, as well as other States, brings to this great Republic, in the year of its glory and gratulation, a contribution much exceeding in value and beauty the accumulated treasures of quarries and fields, the curious products of manual art, and the admired works of genius and learning. In these months of notable honor and eminent joy, there is another great Exposition—it is not confined to Fairmount Park—of our coun-

try's peculiar happiness and advantage, showing forth the surprising progress of many souls in the highest style of knowledge, and in the truest, purest qualities of human excellence, signal triumphs over the strong forces of evil and the fearful perversions of error, and the greatly enhanced value, through the sanctification of their uses, of all the precious things in the blessing of Joseph; for is it not apparent that very many of our people now have greater joy in God's works and providence? They feel that they have happier homes and a more beautiful land, for that the blessed light of God's countenance shines upon it all. And the chief tokens of our new prosperity are in the multiplied spiritual graces of our people, the divine gifts imparted to many rejoicing souls, the heavenly privileges more and more abounding in our sanctuaries, prayer-rooms, pious homes, evangelized neighborhoods and school-districts—blessed results of the turning of men to their rightful allegiance to the Prince of Peace, and of the confirmation of the new covenant, "I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people."

P. S. PRATT.

OBITUARY NOTICES.

REV. ANDREW J. ROGERS was born in Medford, Mass., Nov. 10, 1834; united with the Congregational church in Charlestown when fourteen years of age; was graduated at Brown University in 1868, and at Andover Theological Seminary in 1871; preached a short time at Concord, Mass., and later at Biddeford, Me., where he was ordained and installed in July, 1873. After receiving seventy into that church, he removed from there to Winooski, Vt., May, 1875, and immediately commenced preaching, first at Jericho Corners, and soon after at Underhill. A precious revival attended his labors at Underhill, during the few months he preached there. His labors were soon cut short by heart disease, induced by a severe cold and overwork. He died at Winooski, May 6, 1876. He married Miss Gertrude J. Barrett, of Winooski, in January, 1873, who survives him, with an only daughter.

REV. IRA TRACY was born in Hartford, Vt., January 16th, 1806. When a lad of fourteen, he made a public profession of faith in Christ. He was graduated at Dartmouth College in 1826, and at Andover Theological Seminary in 1832; ordained at Hartford, Vt., the same year; sailed with his wife, as a missionary to China, where he labored for eight years, till his health failed, when he returned to this country. On regaining his health he preached in Kent and Streetsborough, O.; Tafton, Wis., Spring Valley, Minn., and after about fifteen years of service with these churches, removed to his old home in Bloomington, Wis., where he preached occasionally till his death, Nov. 10, 1875. He belonged to a family distinguished for ability and fidelity. "His characteristic traits were energy, fidelity, spirituality and cheerful trust. He was faithful in little and great things, and walked with God in the blessed hope of a glorious immortality."

REV. JOHN ROGERS was born in Macclesfield, England, Nov. 13, 1831. and was a lineal descendant of the noble martyr, John Rogers. When only three years of age he was left an orphan by

the death of his father, Rev. John Rogers, and his mother died when he was only five. He was provided for by his grandfather and an uncle; was converted at the age of sixteen; received a good education, being graduated at Rochdale College. He came to Canada in 1856, and soon entered upon the work of the ministry in the "New Connection Methodist Church." After a few years' faithful service with this denomination, his convictions of the superiority of doctrine and polity of the Congregational system led him to enter the Congregational ministry. He was called to the pastorate of the church in Stanstead, P. Q., where he preached with great acceptance for nine years, supplying at the same time the church in Derby with one sermon a Sabbath, for five years. In May, 1873, he resigned his pastorate at Stanstead, and ministered successively to the churches in Hartford and Wells River. He was called to Swanton, and began his ministry there on the first Sabbath in December, 1875, and after a short illness, died March 20th, 1876, of pneumonia. During his brief ministry in Swanton he had won the hearts of all the people. "His genial disposition, gentlemanly manners, mental culture, pulpit ability and Christian liberality, secured for him at once the esteem and respect of all who knew him." In September, 1861, he was married to Miss Eleanor Wright, of Montreal, P. Q. He had two daughters and three sons, all of whom survive him.

Rev. Seth Segur died at Tallmadge, O., Sept. 24th, 1875. He was the son of Dea. Joseph and Martha (Briggs) Segur, of Pittsfield, Vt.; was born in Chittenden, Vt., Dec. 24th, 1831; fitted for college at Royalton, was graduated at Middlebury College in 1859, and from the Theological Seminary at Auburn in 1862. He was approbated to preach the gospel by the Royalton Association, May 28, 1862, was ordained as an Evangelist at Pittsfield, Vt., Rev. Dr. Drake preaching the sermon. He commenced preaching in Tallmadge, O., June 8th, 1862; was installed pastor Feb. 6th, 1867, and after a successful ministry there, in 1871 accepted a call to Gloucester (Harbor), Mass., where he was installed June 14th, 1871. He was dismissed from this pastorate Feb. 13th, 1873, and on the May following was installed at West Medway, as colleague of Rev. Jacob Ide, D. D. He became greatly endeared to this people and died suddenly of bilious fever, while on a visit to his former church in Tallmadge. "He was a man of good native strength; stable in character; sound in doctrine; earnest and scholarly as a preacher, and judicious in his methods of Christian work." He was married Sept. 13th, 1859, to Miss Ellen L. Blossom, of Pittsfield, Vt., who survives him.

REV. CHAUNCEY TAYLOR, son of Dea. Nehemiah and Lydia (Streeter) Taylor, was born in Williamstown, Vt., Feb. 17th, 1805. He was one of five brothers, Adolphus, James, Chauncey, Justin B. and Ezekiel D., all of whom entered the ministry and only one of whom now survives—Ezekiel D., of Welshfield, Ohio. Both parents were natives of Connecticut, and became worthy members of the Congregational church in Williamstown. Chauncey fitted for college at Hinesburgh, Vt., and was graduated at the University of Vermont in 1831. He taught in Brandon two years; studied theology with Rev. Ira Ingraham, of Brandon; was licensed to preach by the Rutland Association, Dec. 11th, 1833; commenced preaching in Chittenden, to a branch of the Pittsford church while teaching in Brandon; soon after the organization of a separate church in Chittenden he removed there, and was ordained and installed as its pastor, Jan. 21, 1835; was dismissed in November, 1837; labored for a year on James Island, near Charleston, South Carolina; resumed his labors in Chittenden in May, 1839; removed to Winooski in 1841, and the next year to Milton, teaching and preaching as opportunity offered. In 1843 he removed to Alburgh, where he preached till 1846, when he returned to Chittenden and was re-installed pastor of the church there in December of that year. After about seven years of service the church became so weakened that he left in 1854. After preaching a few months in Langdon, N. H., he went to Kossuth Co., in Northwestern Iowa, where, after doing a great amount of pioneer home missionary work, for eleven years, he was installed over the church in Algona, Sept. 8th, 1867. He was dismissed July 2d, 1873, from which time till his death he was engaged in general missionary labor. For twenty years he was identified with the history of that country, held several civil offices, and was greatly honored and beloved in all the region. "For years past his cheerful, hopeful voice and his blossoming head have been well known and welcome in the gatherings of the ministers in Northern Iowa, by whom he has been known as Father Taylor. He was married Dec. 17th, 1833, to Miss Harriet Cynthia Doak, of Burlington, Vt., who died Oct. 12th, 1857. He was married a second time to Mrs. M. A. France, of Cincinnati, O., Sept. 12th, 1860.

REV. CYRUS HUDSON was born in Dorset, Vt., June 30, 1800. He started from a very plain home, had a somewhat unpromising boyhood, and suffered the loss of a good mother at eleven years of age. But in the revival of 1817 he, with his father, stepmother and many other converts, made profession of the Christian

faith, and he was encouraged by his judicious pastor, Dr. William Jackson, to seek an education and the ministry. He graduated from Middlebury in 1824, studied theology at Auburn, and received license in Dorset. He was ordained in 1829 at Ithaca, N. Y., and spent many years teaching and preaching in that State, closing the period with a several years' pastorate at Mt. Morris. In 1847 he accepted a call to settle with the Congregational church of Dorset, where he fulfilled a useful pastoral service of about seven years, not without honor and loving esteem, though in his own country and his own house. His health failing, he resigned this charge, and thereafter accepted only briefer and less arduous responsibilities. He was for a time agent for Middlebury College—also for the Tract Society, and supplied pulpits in Essex and St. Lawrence Counties, N. Y. During several years of slow decline he found pleasant homes and loving ministration with daughters in Belvidere and Springfield, Ill., and at the latter place he closed his earthly life on the 11th of December, 1875, giving dying testimony of a joyful hope in Jesus. His surviving companion was a daughter of Rev. Daniel Marsh, formerly pastor of the first church of Bennington.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT.

1. Acknowledgment.

The Secretary acknowledges indebtedness to one of the brethren—generally the Reporter—of each Conference, for the collection of this year's reports. The pains they have taken has greatly relieved him, in two or three instances wholly relieved him, of any further correspondence in relation to the report, and the items, unsatisfactory as they are, are more full than last year.

2. To Superintendents.

We humbly acknowledge the faults of our blank; could make a plainer one now ourself, and have reason to hope that hereafter every measure of this sort will be nearly perfect. Nevertheless we do not see why so many mistakes should be made as to the meaning of our questions, nor why some should disregard nearly half the questions, and thus make a waste of the labor of those who have taken pains to answer every one. Nor do we see any sufficient reason why the several schools should not have a complete record, and not be obliged to "estimate" so many of the figures. We desired to make some comparison between the average attendance at preaching service and at Sunday school. We also desired to compare the additions to the churches *from* the schools, and from *outside* the schools. But we are obliged to leave out any such general comparisons because our questions have been so generally ignored. Hereafter *let every blank be filled with something.* If a cipher tells the truth, put it in; but a clean blank looks like *neglect* on the part of the officers of the school.

3. Early History.

Our first inquiry (after the names of officers) was as to the early history of the schools,—the date of their birth. Only ninety-four have attempted to answer that question, and nearly half of these are confessedly guessed. Some are so evidently erroneous that it is not thought best to publish them.

4. This Year's Reports.

We have reports from 162 schools only; full and satisfactory ones from only 95;—*hints* of six mission schools—full report of only one, viz. the "Guide Board Mission School," of Bennington.

These satisfactory reports are distributed as follows: Windham 14, Orange 13, Caledonia 12, Windsor 11, Washington 7, Franklin 6. Addison, Bennington and Rutland 4 each, Chittenden 3, Lamoille 2, Essex 1. Orleans is not mentioned here because the blanks were not received, which were sent on time, and the failure was not noticed till too late. Its report is taken from the figures of its county association.

The total membership of these 162 schools is 22,962. The average attendance 11,234, or very nearly one half. The conversions reported are 1,538, while Jericho Superintendent leaves us with the statement, "a good many." Of these, the largest number is in Caledonia (246); then Orange (168), Orleans (161), Addison (149), Bennington (146), Windham (141), Washington (128). Franklin and Grand Isle (94), Chittenden (80), Windsor (76), Rutland (73), Lamoille (66), Essex (10).

Looking now to see what schools report conversions or additions to the church to the number of ten or more, we find that in nearly every case they are those where gospel meetings have been held, or where some of the leading workers in those meetings reside. This shows what agency God has chiefly used among us of late. Of the numbers who have united with the churches, probably at least five sixths are from the schools.

Only thirty-nine of our schools sustain Teachers' meetings. We do not see how the majority can be content to go on in this way, and we take pleasure in mentioning the experience of Hartford, where the Teachers' meeting is often held in the afternoon out on the hills, wherever invited, and a little Christian friendship, and a little tea with cream and sugar in it, is added, and the meeting is well sustained. One teacher said, "I should have given up my class long ago, if it had not been for that meeting."

Seventy-five of our ministers are also teachers. The majority of these have no afternoon service, and so are at liberty to put good work into the school. A large minority, however, have an afternoon service, and yet teach. A church ought to appreciate such endurance as that, but usually they do not sufficiently to ensure even a full attendance at the afternoon preaching service. Nine ministers are also superintendents, and eighteen others attend the service of the school.

For further particulars we refer the reader to the statistical table appended to this report.

5. Financial.

No amount of figuring will reconcile our three columns with each other, but we are certified that sixty-eight schools have paid $2,529.23 to benevolent objects—chiefly the Mission School enter-

prise—while 104 schools have expended $3,120.24 for literature of various sorts. In all, 141 schools have raised and expended $6,356.38.

6. Libraries.

The usefulness of the Library in the past is unquestioned, but whether it deserves to hold its prestige *now, in our larger schools*, or whether it *can*, is a questionable matter. We are inclined to think that a *good paper* is, on most accounts, preferable now to a *good book*, for many of our schools. It does not cost so much, is fresh, does not get lost, and does not require a case. In spite of the danger of our "becoming a mere paragraph-reading people," we feel justified in the above suggestions.

7. Books.

If we replenish the Library, let us patronize our own Congregational Publishing Society, for it is doing a most noble work for us. And as among its best, we recommend, for children, the smaller books from the pen of Rev. C. H. Wheeler, of Harpoot; for adults, the larger works from the same pen, together with such late issues as "The Arab and the Turk"—a very material help in understanding the "Eastern question." The "Prayer Guage Debate," which is set before us in full with no comments, will be a very useful book for many, and especially for ministers. If we want to blaze away at Tyndal across the Atlantic, let us give one look first to see *where he is;* and let us remember that God has often used such objections of such objectors to clear the church of rubbish.

8. Change of Name.

A motion has been made, from a source that commands respect, to change the name of this institution, and call it the "*Bible School.*" We most heartily second the proposition, for these reasons:

1. It was probably the original name.
2. The present name does not clearly set forth the *character* of the institution, but only calls attention to the *day* on which it is held.
3. There is a good deal of confusion in the use of the words "Sabbath" and "Sunday," as applied to our schools, and some ear is sure to be offended by the use of either of them.

Respectfully submitted.

P. B. FISK.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

CONFERENCES.	Whole Number of Schools.	No. as reported.	Pupils & Teachers.	Total Membership.	Average Attend'nce	Branch or Mission Schools.	Benevolence.	School Expenses.	Total Receipts.	Conversions.	United with the Churches.	Pupils under 25.	Church Members in the Schools.	Sustaining Teach'rs' Meetings.	Ministers who are Teachers.	Ministers who are Superintendents.	Otherwise assist'ng.
Addison	14	12	1672	1873	847	0	$207.83	$174.04	$484.98	149	94	705	818	1	7	1	1
Bennington	11	10	1355	1527	792	2	90.00	473.98	627.98	146	88	677	372	6	4	2	2
Caledonia	15	12	2045	2276	1280	1	696.65	197.06	967.71	246	340	1151	1084	5	5	0	3
Chittenden	18	15	1846	2071	1034	0	42.00	266.68	675.68	80	58	861	495	3	8	0	1
Essex	3	1	60	69	36	0	42.54	7.00	49.54	10	1	40	30	0	0	0	0
Franklin and Grand Isle	13	11	1232	1390	597	0	130.52	252.70	324.22	94	63	533	498	1	6	2	2
Lamoille	8	6	710	794	416	1	32.92	278.93	129.77	66	83	335	231	3	3	0	0
Orange	22	21	2133	2457	1218	0	351.30	216.55	576 38	168	137	1224	903	5	5	1	3
Orleans	19	14	1694	1836	912	0	171.57	308.18	479.75	161	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Rutland	18	13	1554	1815	974	1	192.12	195.19	387.31	73	71	704	479	4	9	1	0
Washington	13	11	1399	2063	584	0	13.50	344.55	437.55	128	79	749	601	1	9	0	1
Windham	21	19	2188	2482	1291	0	329.90	311.29	586.76	141	75	1232	897	5	11	1	0
Windsor	20	17	2039	2289	1234	1	228.29	401.46	628.35	76	154	1109	852	5	8	1	5
13	195	162	19927	22961	11231	6	$2,529.23	$3,120.24	$6,356.88	1538	1263	9340	7260	39	75	9	18

ECCLESIASTICAL RECORD.

CHURCH ORGANIZED.

1875.	Nov.	30.	Woodbury.

MINISTERS ORDAINED WITHOUT INSTALLATION.

1875.	July.		Loren S. Gates, Miss. to India. Cambridge.

MINISTERS ORDAINED AND INSTALLED.

1875.	Dec.	15.	S. Harley Wheeler.	Waterbury.
1876.	Mar.	10.	John A. Kaley.	Derby.

MINISTERS INSTALLED.

1875.	May	20.	S. Ingersoll Briant.	Hartford.
	June	3 ..	Edward P. Wild.	Newport.
	June	25.	Charles F. Morse.	Thetford.
	Nov.	18.	Henry W. Jones.	St. Johnsbury No.
1876.	Jan.	12.	D. N. Goodrich.	Windham.
	Feb.	1.	Edward G. Read.	Bennington 2d.

MINISTERS DISMISSED.

1875.	June	10.	Albert Watson.	Albany.
	June	22.	Charles M. Southgate.	St. Johnsbury N.
	Sept.	1.	C. B. Hulbert.	Bennington 2d.
	Sept.	7.	Henry M. Holmes.	Benson.
	Oct.	20.	T. Melbourn May.	Quechee.
	Nov.	16	Franklin Tuxbury.	Brandon.
1876.	May	2.	William Schofield.	Worcester.

MINISTERS DECEASED.

1876.	March	20.	John Rogers, aged 45.	Swanton.
	May	6.	Andrew J. Rogers, aged 42.	Winooski.

STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES.

THE STATISTICAL YEAR ENDS THE FIRST SABBATH IN MAY.

1. ADDISON CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. E. P. HOOKER.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Acting Pas.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Mtn. Comm'ced.	Church Members. Male.	Female.	Total.	Absent.	Admitted. Prof.	Letter.	Total.	Removed. Death.	Dism'd	Excl.	Total.	Bapt'ms Adults.	Infant.	Sabbath Schools.	Average Congreg.	Benev. Contr'n	Estimated Value of Church Property.
Addison	Nov. 24, 1801	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	$500
Bridport	June 30 1790	W. W. Winchester.	P.	Mar. 23, 1854	1867	64	115	179	53	3	0	3	3	4	0	7	2	0	230	200	$ 432.00	12,000
Bristol	July 8, 1805	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	20	31	51	13	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	1030.00	2,000
Cornwall	July 15, 1785	S. W. Magill.	P.	1837	1867	51	108	159	30	4	0	4	3	5	0	8	3	0	260	150	371.00	8,000
Ferrisburgh	Jan. 25, 1824	E. C. Evans.	A. P.	Not Ord.	1875	13	25	38	8	0	0	0	2	4	0	6	0	0	50	60	0	8,000
Middlebury	Sept. 5, 1790	E. P. Hooker.	P.	Nov. 13, 1861	1870	156	256	412	38	48	22	70	22	27	29	78	27	7	300	304	1174.03	22,000
New Haven	1797	S. Knowlton.	P.	Nov. 2, 1865	1872	92	162	254	36	11	4	15	3	5	0	8	6	2	123	180	512.58	14,000
Orwell	1789	M. L. Severance.	P.	Feb. 17, 1864	1869	67	90	157	24	0	3	3	3	0	0	3	0	1	249	150	226.76	10,000
Ripton	Nov. 6, 1828	Cephas H. Kent.	P.	Oct. 22, 1828	1861	25	36	61	19	5	0	5	0	3	0	3	4	2	25	30	210.00	2,500
Salisbury	Feb. 8, 1804	T. H. Griffith.	A. P.	.....	1875	24	50	73	26	11	0	11	0	0	0	0	9	0	114	100	5.00	5,000
Shoreham	1784	W. N. Bacon.	P.	Dec. 1859	1864	24	71	99	12	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	70	125	120.00	8,000
Vergennes	Sept. 19, 1793	C. B. Hulbert.	A. P.	Oct. 20, 1859	1876	76	141	217	30	11	3	14	4	0	0	4	6	3	128	170	200.00	20,000
Weybridge	June 20, 1794	M. Stuart Phelps.	A. P.	Not Ord.	1876	34	57	91	13	20	0	20	0	1	0	1	3	9	102	77	80.55	6,000
Whiting	1776	J. L. Sisson.	A. P.	.....	1875	3	9	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	65	3.50	4,000
14		7 Pastors, 5 A. P				653	1152	1805	302	113	32	145	46	49	29	124	60	28	1711	1611	$4365 42	$122,000

Ministers without charge—Eben Smith, A. S. Barton, Middlebury; Stillman Morgan, Bristol.

Licentiates—Prof. Solon Albee, Prof. Ezra Brainard, Middlebury.

Register of Conference—E. P. Hooker.

Time of meeting of Conference—The third Tuesday of December.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Acting Pas.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min. Commenced	Church Members.				Admitted.			Removed.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath School.	Average Congrega'n.	Benev. Contr'n	Estimated Value of Church Property.
						Male.	Female.	Total.	Absent.	Prof.	Letter.	Total.	Deaths.	Dism'd.	Excl.	Total.	Adults.	Infants.				
Arlington E.....	Nov. 2, 1843	J. Clinton McCollom	A. P.	Mar. 23, 1869	1873	11	43	54	10	5	0	5	0	0	0	0	2	0	80	100	$25.00	$6.000
Bennington 1st..	Dec. 3, 1762	Isaac Jennings,	P.	June 14, 1843	1853	56	113	169	50	10	0	10	5	6	0	11	5	3	113		559.63	25.000
Bennington 2d..	Apr. 27, 1836	Edw. Griffin Read,	P.	Oct. 11, 1865	1876	53	138	191	33	17	8	25	4	9	0	13	7	5	233	275	269.96	60.000
Bennington No..	May 21, 1868	L. C. Partridge,	A. P.	May 6, 1860	1875	25	36	61	10	5	8	13	0	1	0	1	3	2	104	108	00.00	16,000
Dorset	Sept. 22, 1784	Parsons S. Pratt,	P.	Sept. 29, 1847	1856	36	90	126	14	23	0	23	4	0	0	4	16	2	160	160	208.38	7.000
Dorset E.....	Oct. 1, 1867	Vacant.		.....	....	1	4	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			1.25	
Manchester.....	Sept. 22, 1784	R. S. Cushman, D.D.	P.	Dec. 1843	1862	91	142	233	13	48	6	54	4	6	0	10	36	1	232	275	664.89	25.000
Peru.....	Dec. 22, 1807	S. H. Amsden,	A. P.	June 12, 1876	1873	46	63	109	20	1	0	1	4	0	0	4	1	0	150	170	30.00	3.500
Pownal North...	May 21, 1851	J. L. Cook, (Meth.)	A. P.	1848	1868	5	13	18	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	103	100	5.00	2.500
Rupert.....	June 6, 1786	A. B. Lambert, D.D.	A. P.	Nov. 2, 1837	1874	20	38	58	8	2	0	2	1	0	0	1	2	0	110	120	168.00	7.000
Sandgate	Jan. 17, 1782	W. H. Groat, (Meth)	A. P.	.....		4	5	9	....		0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0				800
11		4 Pastors, 6 A. P.				348	685	1033	165	111	22	133	23	22	0	45	72	12	1285	1308	1932.11	152.800

Ministers without charge.—James Anderson, Joseph D. Wickham, D. D., Manchester; C. H. Hubbard, Bennington.

Ordained.—Rev. Edward Griffin Read, installed over the 2d Congregational Church, Bennington, Feb. 1. 1876.

Dismissed.—Rev. C. B. Hulbert, dismissed from the 2d Congregational Church, Bennington, Sept. 1, 1875.

Register of Conference.—Rev. P. S. Pratt, Dorset.

Time of Meeting of Conference.—Second Tuesday June.

3. CALEDONIA CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. C. W. THOMPSON.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Acting Pas.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min. Commenced	Church Members. Male.	Female.	Total.	Absent.	Admitted. Prof.	Letter.	Total.	Removed. Deaths.	Dism.	Excl.	Total.	Bapt'ms Adult.	Infant.	Sabbath School.	Average Congreg'n.	Benev. Contr'n.	Estimated Value of Church Property.
Barnet	Sept. 14, 1858	N. R. Nichols.	P.	Feb. 1, 1872	1873	45	84	129	22	40	4	44	3	6	0	9	17	5	150	138	$ 327.35	$5,000.00
Burke East	Feb. 28, 1807	Vacant.			....	20	32	52	6	3	3	6	0	1	1	2	2	1	....	....	34.00	2,500.00
Cabot	Oct. 25, 1801	B. S. Adams	P.	Nov. 22, 1871	1871	45	89	134	28	2	1	3	1	2	0	3	1	3	158	115	86.25	5,700.00
Danville	Aug. 17, 1782	C. W. Thompson.	P.	July 1, 1869	1869	46	82	128	11	43	5	48	6	1	0	7	32	2	123	127	231.41	6,000.00
Hardwick	July 29, 1803	John Frazer	A. P.		1852	1873	50	96	146	21	18	0	18	4	7	0	11	11	1	75	100	246 41	4,500.00
Lyndon	Nov. 30, 1817	William P. Bennett.	A. P.	Dec. 8, 1870	1875	24	74	98	36	2	0	2	1	4	0	5	4	2	....	137	.....	2,700.00
Lyndonville	Dec. 6, 1870	William P. Bennett.	A. P.	Dec. 8, 1870	1875	30	63	93	8	4	0	4	1	4	0	5	2	0	180	162	.....	10,000.00
McIndoes Falls	Oct. 22, 1829	J. Lincoln Litch.	A. P.	Apr. 7. 1867	1873	29	100	129	20	30	9	39	2	1	0	3	7	6	100	150	.....	7,000.00
Peacham	Apr. 14, 1794	A. W. Wild,	P.	Oct. 26, 1864	1875	62	148	210	30	29	5	34	4	11	1	16	15	10	200	214	562.81	10,000.00
St. Johnsbury 1.	Nov. 21. 1839	Albert W. Safford.	A. P	Aug. 2, 1872	1875	29	62	91	49	12	0	12	2	0	0	2	8	0	96	100	18.40	5,000.00
St. Johnsbury N.	Apr. 7, 1825	Henry W. Jones.	P.	May 24, 1866	1875	146	256	402	85	96	18	114	6	14	0	20	51	22	415	308	6179.96	10,000.00
St. Johnsbury E.	Nov. 25, 1840	J. P. Humphrey.	P.	Feb. 3, 1847	1868	48	85	133	28	19	3	22	1	1	0	2	10	3	130	100	150.00	5,000.00
St. Johnsb'ry So	Oct. 23, 1851	Edw'd T. Fairbanks.	P.	Jan. 1, 1868	1874	169	242	411	56	86	22	108	6	3	0	9	57	11	376	385	6435.81	15,000.00
Waterford	May 30, 1798	M. H. Wells.	P.	Nov. 19, 1845	1871	62	88	150	39	46	0	46	0	2	0	2	28	3	125	....	135.04	3,000.00
14		8 Pastors, 4 A. P.				805	1501	2306	439	430	70	500	37	57	2	96	245	69	2128	2036	$14407.43	$91,400.00

Ministers without charge—M. B. Bradford, McIndoes; W. W. Thayer, Henry Fairbanks, H. T. Fuller, St. Johnsbury; Joseph Underwood, East Hardwick.

Installed—Rev. Henry W. Jones, November 18, 1875, at St. Johnsbury.

Dismissed—Rev. C. M. Southgate, from St. Johnsbury 2d, June 22, 1875.

Licentiates—Myron O. Harrington, John Herbert.

Register of Conference—Rev. C. W. Thompson.

Time of Meeting of Conference—Second Tuesday in June.

4. CHITTENDEN CONFERENCE. Reported by C. C. TORREY.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Acting Pas.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min. Comm'ced.	Church Members. Male.	Female.	Total.	Absent.	Admitted. Prof.	Letter.	Total.	Removed. Death.	Dism'd	Excl.	Total.	Bapt'ms Adults.	Infants.	Sabbath Schools.	Average Congreg.	Benev. Contr'n	Estimated Value of Church Property.
Burlington 1st	Feb. 25, 1805	L. O. Brastow.	P.	1861	1873	165	216	381	0	14	14	28	6	6	1	13	4	10	204	400	$600.00	$60,000
Burlington 3d	Nov. 4, 1860	G. B. Safford.	P.	Sept., 1858	1860	46	93	139	19	13	4	17	3	4	0	7	2	1	140	250	421.09	50,000
Charlotte	Jan. 3, 1792	C. C. Torrey.	P.	Sept. 7, 1855	1871	40	74	114	5	2	0	2	1	1	0	2	0	0	100	150	80.00	18,000
Colchester	1804	C. M. Seaton.	A. P.	Sept. 23, 1837	1869	7	49	56	10	0	0	0	1	3	0	4	0	0	75	90	53.00	4,500
Essex	Oct. 3, 1791	John Cowan.	A. P.	....	1875	32	69	101	26	6	1	7	5	0	0	5	5	1	113	0	.....	.....
Essex Junction	June 29, 1869	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	21	48	69	20	0	2	2	3	0	0	3	0	0	235	114	.....	10,000
Hinesburgh	May 20, 1789	C. E. Ferrin.	P.	Dec. 10, 1851	1855	28	69	96	37	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	.....	5,000
Jericho 1st	Mar. 31, 1791	Austin Hazen.	A. P.	Mar. 29, 1860	1864	30	54	84	15	17	1	18	3	4	0	7	14	0	198	120	200.00	4,000
Jericho 2d	Aug 31, 1826	H. A. P. Torrey.	A. P.	May 1865	1875	11	28	39	1	3	4	7	2	2	0	4	2	0	55	150	107.00	.....
Milton	Sept. 21, 1804	J. H. Woodward.	A. P.	1838	1869	20	42	62	2	4	3	7	1	0	0	1	3	0	129	90	100.00	15,000
Milton West	Feb. 28, 1853	"	.....	.....	....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.....	.....
Richmond	Sept. 21, 1801	Austin Hazen.	A. P.	.....	1875	10	28	38	14	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	40	67	.....	6,000
South Hero	1795	O. G. Wheeler.	P.	1840	1840	20	55	75	12	6	0	6	4	4	0	8	3	0	0	90	142.00	6,000
Underhill	Dec, 27, 1801	*A. J. Rogers.	A. P.	....	1875	28	30	53	27	0	0	0	4	3	0	7	0	0	160	125	.....	3,000
Underhill North	Dec. 19, 1839	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.....	.....
Westford	Aug. 7, 1801	Geo. P. Byington.	A. P.	Mar. 11, 1868	1870	28	69	97	13	17	1	18	3	1	0	4	12	0	175	130	125.00	9,000
Williston	Jan. 23, 1813	John Cowan.	A. P.	Not report'd	1875	21	56	77	12	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	65	280.00	8,000
Winooski	Nov. 9, 1836	Vacant.	.....	....	....		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.....	.....
18		5 Pastors, 7 A. P.				502	979	1481	213	85	33	118	36	30	1	67	46	12	1651	1841	$2058.09	$198,500

Ministers without charge—James Buckham, J. K. Converse, H. P. Hickok, D. Goodhue, J. C. Wilder, A. J. Willard, J. C. Houghton, H. A. P. Torrey, J. H. Worcester, D. D.

Deceased—A. J. Rogers.

Licentiates—Charles E. Steele, M. H. Buckham.

Register of Conference—Rev. G. B. Safford.

Time of Meeting of Conference—Second Tuesday in June.

5. ESSEX CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. CHARLES DUREN.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Acting Pas.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min. Commenced.	Church Members. Male.	Female.	Total.	Absent.	Admitted. Prof.	Letter.	To tal.	Removed. Death.	Dism'd	Excl.	Total.	Bapt'ms Adults.	Infants.	Sabbath Schools.	Average Congreg.	Benev. Contr'n	Estimated Value of Church Property.
Granby & Vict'y	June 8, 1825	Charles Duren,	A. P.	Feb. 3, 1841	1874	20	33	53	12	1	0	1	1	1	0	2	1	0	60	60	94.29	$850
Guildhall.....	April 1, 1799	Vacant.				18	41	59	20													2,500
Lunenburgh	Dec. 27, 1872	George A. Perkins,	A. P.	May 25, 1854	1875	53	65	98	25	3	0	3	3	1	0	4	2	0	111	93	85.00	2,000
3		2 Acting Pastors.				71	139	210	57	4	0	4	4	2	0	6	3	0	171	153	179.29	$5,350

Ministers without charge.—Jeremiah Glines, Lunenburgh.

Register of Conference.—Rev. A. E. Hall, Dalton, N. H.

Time of Meeting of Conference.—Second Tuesday of June.

6. FRANKLIN AND GRAND ISLE CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. ALFRED B. SWIFT.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Acting Pas.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min. Commenced	Church Members.				Admitted.			Removed.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath School.	Average Congreg'n.	Benev. Contr'n.	Estimated Value of Church Property.
						Male.	Female.	Total.	Absent.	Prof.	Letter.	Total.	Deaths.	Dism.	Excl.	Total.	Adult.	Infant.				
Alburgh	Feb. 18,	1824 D. Marvin, (supply)				17	56	73	37	6		6	1	2		3	4		83			$3,000.00
Bakersfield	July 3,	1811 Richard Hicks,	A. P.		1867 1872	39	82	121	35	19	5	24	2	1	2	5	8	2	104	95	$159.00	7,000.00
East Berkshire	July 15,	1820 Elias W. Hatch,	P.		1866 1866	33	42	75	8	23	1	24	2				7	4		90	36.30	2,500.00
Enosburgh	Oct. 11,	1811 Alfred B. Swift,	A. P.		1855 1861	66	86	152	32	14	2	16	1	3		4			136	80	340.17	10,000.00
Fairfield	Sept. 22,	1800 Joseph Garland,	A. P.		1848 1875	9	14	23	2	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	24	32		1,500.00
Franklin	Oct. 9,	1806 Charles P. Watson,	A. P.		1876	13	25	38	0	3		3					2		58	70		
Georgia	Nov. 7,	1793 C. B. Cady,	A. P.		1838 1873	27	56	83	23				1						83	75	73.75	3,000.00
Highgate	Oct. 28,	1811 James P. Stone,	A. P.		1838 1872	17	39	56	17	4		4				3	2		90	75	48.00	3,000.00
Montgomery	July 15,	1817 E. W. Hatch,	A. P.		1866 1875	18	24	42	7		1	1	3			3				46	24.00	
Sheldon	August,	1816 C. P. Watson,	A. P.		1838 1876	8	26	34	6					1		1			56	60	80.00	3,600.00
St. Albans 1st	Jan. 2,	1803 Charles Van Norden	P.		1866 1873	145	212	357	20	24	11	35	5	5		10	8	10	275	300	2000.00	30,000.00
Swanton	Jan. 4,	1801 Vacant.				60	112	172	21	1	1	2	2	4		6	1	2	125			10,000.00
13		2 Pastors, 8 A. P.				452	774	1226	208	94	21	115	17	16	2	35	32	18	1034	923	2761.22	73,600.00

Ministers without charge.—L. S. French, Franklin; A. J. Samson, St. Albans; Sewall Paine, Montgomery Centre.

Register of Conference.—Rev. R. Hicks.

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7. LAMOILLE CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. V. M. HARDY.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Acting Pas.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min. Commenced	Church Members.				Admitted.			Removed.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath School.	Average Congrega'n.	Benev. Contr'n	Estimated Value of Church Property.
						Male.	Female.	Total.	Absent.	Prof.	Letter.	Total.	Deaths.	Dism'd.	Excl.	Total.	Adults.	Infants.				
Cambridge	Feb. 18, 1792	E. Wheelock,	A. P.	Jan. 23, 1856	1876	23	35	58	5	22	4	26	...	1	..	1	19	....	70	70	$180.00	$2,000.00
Hydepark	March, 1863	Vacant.			....	5	15	20	....	....	....	....	....	..	..	..	....	....	....	....	....	600.00
No. Hydepark	.....	Not reported.			....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	..	..	....	....	....	....	....	.....
Johnson	Sept. 22, 1817	G. H French.	P.	Nov. 8, 1871	1871	44	87	131	28	9	.	9	1	7	..	8	4	3	150	140	100.28	6,000.00
Morrisville	October, 1807	V. M. Hardy.	P.	Jan. 31, 1872	1870	42	76	118	10	26	8	34	3	1	..	4	24	....	171	153	55.00	6,000.00
Waterville	Feb. 25, 1823	R. Hicks.	A. P.	June 7, 1867	1873	8	23	31	2	....	....	....	2	..	..	2	....	....	60	100	.....	.....
Wolcott	Oct. 28, 1818	Edward J. Giddings.	A. P.	Oct. 19, 1837	1876	15	26	41	1	30	3	33	1	1	..	2	19	....	75	....	.....	.....
Stowe	Nov. 21, 1818	Daniel W. Hardy.	P.	Oct. 20, 1874	1874	25	63	88	16	7	1	8	2	5	..	7	6	....	86	110	230.36	4,000.00
8		3 Pastors, 3 A. P.				162	325	487	62	94	16	110	9	15	0	24	72	3	612	573	$565.64	$18,600.00

Ministers without charge—James Dougherty, D. D., Johnson.

Ordained—At Cambridge, July, 1875, Mr. L. S. Gates as missionary to India.

Register of Conference—James Dougherty, D. D.

Time of Meeting of Conference—Second Tuesday of June.

ORANGE CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. S. L. BATES.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Acting Pas.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min. Commenced.	Church Members. Male.	Female.	Total.	Absent.	Admitted. Prof.	Letter.	Total.	Removed. Death.	Dism'd	Excl.	Total.	Bapt'ms Adults.	Infant.	Sabbath Schools.	Average Congreg.	Benev. Contr'n	Estimated Value of Church Property.
Bradford	June 24, 1810	L. H. Elliot,	A. P.	May 2.	1866	1873	30	121	151	21	0	3	3	2	10	0	12	0	0	180	164	$240.00	$15,000
Braintree	Dec. 25, 1794	Vacant.					16	27	43	22	3	2	5	1	1	0	2	3	0	55	65	5.00	1,750
Braintree East	Oct. 24, 1871	S. W. Dike,					20	46	66	9	7	0	7	0	0	0	0	6	0	103	75	5.00	
Brookfield 1st	Sept. 23, 1785	Geo. B. Tolman,	A. P.	July 10,	1862	1871	32	62	94	9	9	0	9	1	3	0	4	1	4	115	90	98.35	3,800
Brookfield 2d	Nov. 16, 1848	William A. Bushee,	P.	Aug. 19,	1869	1868	52	8	132	9	30	5	35	1	2	1	4	27	1	140	120	139.04	3,500
Chelsea	Apr. 10, 1787	Edward E. Herrick,	P.	Feb. 24,	1864	1870	71	123	194	25	15	4	17	4	3	0	7	9	0	160	150	158.56	8,000
Corinth	Oct. 10, 1820	Caleb M. Winch,	A. P.	June 29,	1853	1859	49	102	151	21	30	13	43	5	1	0	6	23	3	100	255	25.00	3,000
Fairlee	Feb. 28, 1833	Vacant.					13	28	41	10	0	0	0	3	1	0	4	0	0	40			
Fairlee West	Dec. 6, 1800	Solon Martin,	A. P.	June 16,	1835	1873	21	37	58	16	1	1	2	3	2	0	5	1	1	45	65	49.00	1,000
Newbury	Sept'r, 1764	Samuel L. Bates,	P.	Mar. 23,	1864	1871	52	138	190	34	11	4	15	2	4	0	6	4	3	185	225	1800.06	8,000
Newbury West	Feb. 13, 1867	Amzi B. Lyon,	A. P.		1868	1875	16	27	43	4	4	1	5	0	4	0	4	2	0	80	75	44.00	2,500
Post Mills	Feb. 26, 1839	Vacant.					24	40	64	20	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	45	60	50.00	800
Randolph	May 30, 1786	Wm. S. Blaisdell,	A. P.		1868	1876	34	57	91	32	2	0	2	1	0	0	1	1	0	60	100	22.00	6,000
Randolph West	Oct. 21, 1831	S. W. Dike,	P.	Feb. 3,	1869	1868	49	105	154	40	4	1	5	2	0	0	2	4	1	155	125	150.00	10,000
Strafford	Nov'r, 1820	Henry Cummings,	P.	July 16,	1851	1874	18	38	56	4	2	4	6	2	0	0	2	1	0	75	67	104.55	3,500
Thetford		1774 Charles F. Morse,	P.	Aug. 13,	1856	1875	79	140	219	33	17	9	26	1	1	0	2	13	7	160	130	623.38	6,000
Tunbridge	Feb. 5, 1792	S. F. Lougee,	P.	Oct. 2,	1873	1872	24	32	56	12	8	6	14	0	1	0	1	5	0	118	100	4.79	5,500
Vershire	July 14, 1787	Vacant.					14	32	46	9													
Wells River	Jan. 12, 1842	E. J. Ranslow,	A. P.	June,	1869	1875	60	128	188	12	18	8	26	2	0	0	2	8	1	288	263	200.00	10,000
Williamstown	Aug. 13, 1795	John P. Demerrit.	A. P.	May 31,	1870	1875	25	53	78	6	15	3	18	0	3	0	3	14	0	8	110	21.04	4,000
20		7 Pastors, 8 A. P.					629	1116	2115	348	174	64	238	33	36	1	70	122	21	2194	2239	3,739.77	92,350

Ministers without charge.—Joseph Marsh, Thetford; Joseph Fuller, Vershire; Silas McKeen, D. D., Bradford; Isaac Hosford, North Thetford.

Installed.—Charles F. Morse, Thetford, June 25th, 1875.

Register of Conference.—L. H. Elliot.

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9. OLREANS CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. E. P. WILD.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Acting Pas.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min. Commenced	Church Members. Male.	Female.	Total.	Absent.	Admitted. Prof.	Letter.	Total.	Removed. Deaths.	Dism'd.	Excl.	Total.	Bapt'ms Adults.	Infants.	Sabbath School.	Average Congrega'n.	Benev. Contr'n	Estimated Value of Church Property.
Albany	Aug. 16, 1818	Vacant.				22	30	52	8	0	2	2	0	2	0	2	0	0				$ 3,000
Barton	Sept. 24, 1817	Austin Dodge.	P.	Oct. 9, 1866	1874	33	82	115	22	9	2	11	1	0	0	1	8	0	162	150	$100.00	15,000
Brighton	Oct. 5, 1841	E. S Locke, (Meth.)	A. P.		1875	4	7	11	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	95	130		4,000
Brownington	Mar. 4, 1809	William P. Alcott.	A. P.	Feb. 18, 1868	1874	49	83	132	16	27	25	52	1	1	0	2	11	6	172	220	80.00	7,500
Charleston	May 14, 1844	William T. Herrick.	A. P.	May 28, 1851	1875	35	53	88	9	27	1	28	3	5	0	8	22	0	126	115	212.50	4,000
Coventry	Oct. 2, 1810	W. C. Somerville.	A. P.	Oct. 1851	1874	32	70	102	14	5	1	6	2	8	0	10	2	3	132		70.00	7,000
Craftsbury	July 4, 1797	Joseph Boardman.	A. P.	Mar. 20, 1861	1875	46	87	133	18	3	0	3	1	2	0	3	1	3	140	110	220.75	4,500
Derby	Aug. 9, 1807	John A. Kaley.	P.	Mar. 10, 1876	1875	30	65	95	14	1	0	1	1	2	0	3	1	0	140	150	25.00	5,000
Glover	July 12, 1817	S. K. B Perkins.	P.	Jan. 11, 1860	1858	34	70	104	18	23	0	23	4	0	0	4	12	2	170	148	50.00	5,300
Greensboro	Nov. 21, 1804	Vacant.				25	45	70	13	3	0	3	2	2	0	4	2	1	125	100	44.00	5,000
Holland	Nov. 30, 1842	Vacant.				11	15	26	3	1	1	2	1	1	0	2	0	1	86	65	14.00	400
Irasburgh	Jan. 28, 1818	A. A. Smith.	A. P.	Feb. 11, 1864	1870	38	41	79	12	21	2	23	2	4	0	6	20	11	148	125	18.25	6,400
Lowell	Jan. 10, 1816	F. B. Phelps.	P.	Oct. 18, 1870	1870	30	41	71	13	10	4	14	0	0	0	0	7	2	113	98	26.00	4,200
Morgan	June 4, 1823	William T. Herrick.	A. P.	May 28, 1851	1875	6	13	19	4	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	79	77	4.25	400
Newport	Feb. 23, 1831	Edward P. Wild.	P.	Oct. 11, 1865	1874	48	76	124	18	32	10	42	1	3	2	6	21	8	152	168	244.98	3,000
Troy	Jan. 23, 1845	J. McDonald, (M.)	A. P.		1874	3	8	11	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	60	80		
North Troy	Feb. 5, 1818	G. Butler, (M.)	A. P.		1870	15	24	39	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	90	100	10.00	3,000
Westfield	Apr. 19, 1818	F. B. Phelps.	A. P.	Oct. 18, 1870	1875	16	32	48	10	6	0	6	0	1	0	1	2	0		110	23.00	1,000
14		5 Pastors. 10 A. P.				477	842	1319	197	168	48	216	22	34	2	58	109	37	1990	1946	$1222.73	$78,700

Ministers without charge—Samuel R. Hall, L. L. D., Brownington; Robert V. Hall, Newport; James Hay, Derby; Jabez T. Howard, West Charleston; George Stone, North Troy; Jacob S. Clark, pastor *emeritus* of Morgan, residence, Charleston.

Ordained—John A. Kaley, Derby, March 10, 1876.

Dismissed—Rev. Albert Watson, Albany, June 10, 1875.

Licentiate—R. D. Metcalf.

Register of Conference—Rev. E. P. Wild, Newport.

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10. RUTLAND CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. RUSSELL T. HALL.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Acting Pas.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min. Comm'ced.	Church Members. Male.	Female.	Total.	Absent.	Admitted. Prof.	Letter.	Total.	Removed. Death.	Dism'd	Excl.	Total.	Bapt'ms. Adults.	Infant.	Sabbath Schools.	Average Congreg.	Benev. Contr'n	Estimated Value of Church Property.
Benson	1790	John C. Houghton.	A. P.	Jan. 1868	1876	62	99	161	39	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	128	140	$50.00	$15,000
Brandon	Sept. 23, 1785					60	123	183	35	4	2	6	4	5	0	9	4	0	145	170	71.50	20,000
Castleton	1784	Edward T. Hooker.	P.	June 17, 1868	1875	42	125	167	34	2	3	5	1	7	0	8	2	0	70	150	203.53	15,000
Clarendon	Feb. 18, 1822	A. D. Barber.	A. P.		1849	21	40	61	7	2	0	2	1	0	0	1	2	0	104	80	46.94	5,000
Danby	Nov. 4, 1869	Lucien D. Mears.	A. P.	Nov. 8, 1871	1876	6	16	22	6	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	1	35	40		
Fair Haven	Jan. 2, 1803	Samuel B. Sherrill.	A. P.	Feb. 4, 1868	1874	33	68	101	13	4	9	13	2	1	0	3	1	3	125	90	128 20	5,000
F. Hav. (Welsh)		1877				23	39	62	4	3	0	3	2	2	0	4	2	4	65	110		2,000
Hubbardton		1782	Nathaniel P. Gilbert.	A. P.	July 17, 1860	1876	17	31	48	12	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	50	60	8.00	3,500
Middletown	Nov'r, 1780	Osborn Myrick.	A. P.	Feb. 18, 1846	1866	11	34	45	8	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	114	100	31.50	6,500
Pawlet	Aug. 8, 1781	John F. Aiken.	A. P.	Oct 2, 1873	1873	12	68	80	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	60	140	5.00	7,500
Pittsford	Apr. 14, 1784	Russell T. Hall.	P.	Sept. 8, 1870	1870	80	130	210	29	10	3	13	4	5	0	9	3	0	180	190	243.80	15,000
Poultney	1780	Calvin Granger.	A. P.	Aug. 6, 1834	1873	33	67	100	30	2	0	2	2	0	0	2	0	1	70	60	41.00	5,000
Rutland	Oct. 5, 1788	James G. Johnson.	P.	Dec. 27, 1866	1870	141	292	433	75	18	19	37	5	4	0	9	10	3	359	450	2167.36	60,000
Rutland West	Oct. 13, 1773	John K. Williams.	A. P.	Nov. 26, 1866	1872	78	140	218	28	35	3	38	6	6	0	12	22	8	165	198	264.30	18,000
Sudbury	1791	Henry F. Rustedt.	A. P.	Feb. 3, 1841	1857	8	16	24	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	20	45	18.00	3,000
Wallingford	1792	Aldace Walker, D.D.	P.	Dec. 30, 1840	1862	43	100	143	17	41	3	44	7	4	2	13	27	0	200	145	394.63	6,000
16		4 Pastors, 10 A. P.				670	1338	2058	343	121	42	163	41	37	2	80	73	20	1890	2168	$3673.76	$186,500

Ministers without charge—Harvey O. Higley, Ulric Maynard, Levi H. Stone, Castleton; Amasa Stewart, Pittsford.

Installed—Edward T. Hooker, Castleton, Dec. 2, 1875.

Dismissed—Henry M. Holmes, Benson, Sept. 7, 1875; Franklin Tuxbury, Brandon, Nov. 16, 1875.

Licentiate—S. B. Pettingill, Rutland.

Register of Conference—Russell T. Hall.

Time of Meeting of Conference—First Tuesday of June.

11. WASHINGTON CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. WILLIAM S. HAZEN.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Acting Pas.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min. Comm'ced.	Church Members. Male.	Female.	Total.	Absent.	Admitted. Prof.	Letter.	Total.	Removed. Death.	Dism'd	Excl.	Total.	Bapt'ms Adults.	Infants.	Sabbath Schools.	Average Congreg.	Benev. Contr'n	Estimated Value of Church Property.
Barre	Nov. 14, 1799	Leonard Tenney.	A. P.	Mar. 19, 1845	1868	75	134	209	50	22	6	28	4	3	0	7	17	5	262	150	$249.14	$8,000.00
Berlin	Oct. 17, 1798	William Schofield.	A. P.	Feb. 24, 1874	1876	27	46	73	32	14	0	14	1	1	0	2	11	0	121	80	60.00	4,000.00
Berlin West	Feb. 16, 1865	John F. Stone.	A. P.	Jan. 21, 1829	1864	7	14	21	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	55	40	45.00	2,000.00
Duxbury	Jan. 18, 1826					7	9	16	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
Marshfield	May 18, 1826	Nelson F. Cobleigh.	P.	Aug. 16, 1871	1870	22	33	55	7	17	2	19	1	0	0	1	14	0	87	82	72.50	2,400.00
Montpelier	July 29, 1808	Wm. H. Lord, D. D.	P.	Sept. 21, 1847	1847	161	292	453	....	3	9	12	2	4	0	6	2	7	275	400	600.00	50,000.00
Northfield	May 27, 1822	Wm. S. Hazen.	P.	Oct. 12, 1864	1864	31	71	102	9	7	6	13	3	8	0	11	5	7	150	114	166.60	7,500.00
Plainfield	Nov. 12, 1799	Charles Redfield.	A. P.	June 9, 1839	1873	13	25	38	10	6	0	6	1	3	0	4	6	2	70	65	21.75	4,000.00
Roxbury	March, 1864	Alden Ladd.	P.	Feb. 15, 1865	1868	22	34	56	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	55	75	45.00	4,000.00
Waitsfield	June 27, 1798	James H. Babbitt.	P.	Sept. 10, 1868	1868	45	102	147	30	5	12	17	3	4	0	7	5	6	184	100	91.25	12,000.00
Warren	Oct. 16, 1816																					
Waterbury	July 10, 1801	S. Harley Wheeler.	P.	Dec. 16, 1875	1875	70	118	188	17	41	5	46	3	9	0	12	37	1	186	175	112.00	8,000.00
Woodbury	Nov. 30, 1875	S. H. Robinson.	A. P.	Licentiate.	1876	21	16	37	1	33	4	37	1	0	0	1	26	0	80	100	....	....
Worcester	Feb. 28, 1824			....	....	9	36	45	17	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	40	80	20.00	1,500.00
14		6 Pastors, 5 A. P.				510	930	1440	187	148	44	192	20	32	0	52	123	28	1565	1461	$1483.24	$103,400.00

Ministers without charge—Charles S. Smith, Sec'y Vt. D. M. S., Montpelier; Horace Pratt, Northfield.

Ordained—S. H. Wheeler, pastor of the church in Waterbury, Dec. 15, 1875.

Dismissed—William Schofield, from church in Worcester, May 2, 1876.

Register of Conference—James H. Babbitt.

Time of Meeting of Conference—First Tuesday in June.

12. WINDHAM ASSOCIATION. Reported by Rev. C. H. MERRILL.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Acting Pas.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min. Commenced	Church Members.				Admitted.			Removed.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath Schools.	Average Congreg.	Benev. Contr'n.	Estimated Value of Church Property.
						Male.	Female.	Total.	Absent.	Prof.	Letter.	Total.	Deaths.	Dism.	Excl.	Total.	Adult.	Infant.				
Bellows Falls....	Aug. 9, 1830	N. F. Carter.	P.	Dec. 17, 1867	1874	33	40	73	23	3	3	6	1	5	0	6	1	0	109	100	$ 514.55	$ 6,000
Brattleboro W..	1770	C. H. Merrill.	P.	Nov. 8, 1870	1873	61	109	170	22	3	4	7	5	4	1	10	0	2	165	170	559.51	7,000
Brattleboro.....	July 15, 1816	Vacant.			....	96	230	326	35	1	3	4	3	11	0	14	0	7	314	400	1500.00	40.000
Cambridgeport..	Apr. 16, 1868	Vacant.			....	14	21	35	8	0	0	0	1	5	0	6	0	0			.....	2,000
Dover.....	Jan. 3, 1872	J. L. Smith, (Meth.)	A. P.		1876	9	15	24	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	50	.....	1,000
Dover West	Jan. 17, 1868	Vacant			....	19	26	45	10	3	2	5	0	2	0	2	3	0	46	60	34.00	2,500
Dummerston ...	Aug. 17 1779	L. G. Chase.	P.	Aug. 24, 1870	1870	28	81	109	31	3	0	3	2	1	0	3	2	0	100	90	164 23	3,000
Fayetteville.....	June 30, 1774	Chas. Burnham.	A. P.	Nov.	1841	26	69	95	21	0	0	0	3	2	0	5	0	0	130	100	21 34	4,000
Grafton	June 20, 1785	Earl J. Ward.	P.	Mar. 11, 1868	1867	28	69	97	28	4	0	4	3	5	0	8	1	0	126		71.00	.....
Guilford East ...	1768	Vacant.			....	2	6	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	20	.....	1,000
Jamaica.....	Sept'r, 1791	A. B. Emmons.	A. P.	Oct. 28, 1873	1874	18	32	50	2	17	3	20	1	0	0	1	14	0	100	107	64 00	3,000
Londonderry....	Aug. 19 1868	E. C. Birge.	A. P.	Aug. 26, 1840	1874	6	36	42	0	9	3	12	1	0	0	1	9	0	80	75	21.50	2,000
Marlboro.....	Oct. 20, 1776	Vacant.			....	4	5	9	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			.....	500
Putney	Oct. 16, 1776	John E. Russell.	A. P.	Licentiate.	....	21	72	93	16	14	0	14	2	0	0	2	10	0	146	155	....	9,000
Saxton's River..	Jan. 1, 1825	Vacant.			....	23	41	64	20	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	65	60	....	5,000
Stratton	Aug. 17, 1801	F. H. Butler, (Bap.)	A. P.		..	4	15	19	12	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0			.....	.....
Townshend East	Sept. 7, 1792	F. W. Olmsted.	A. P.	July, 1848	1870	39	59	98	24	5	1	6	3	2	0	5	5	0	125	150	50 00	8,000
Townshend W...	Oct. 8, 1850	Joseph B. Baldwin.	A. P.	Sept. 1832	1873	15	50	65	5	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	80	67	89.30	3,000
Wardsboro So...	Dec. 9, 1838	Edward F. Abbott.	A. P.	Aug. 1846	1875	10	19	29	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	65	75	12 70	2,500
Westminster....	June 11, 1767	Pliny F. Barnard	A. P.	Jan. 14, 1847	1873	80	98	178	10	8	9	12	1	1	0	2	1	1	202	140	170.11	6,000
Westminster W.	Oct. 31, 1799	Alfred Stevens, D.D.	P.	Feb. 22, 1843	1842	43	52	95	5	1	3	4	3	3	0	6	1	1	150	79	14.00	8.000
Wilmington	Jul. 4, 1835	A. C. Field.	P.	Jun. 28, 1866	1871	33	57	90	34	12	0	12	1	1	0	2	11	1	61	70	28.00	2,000
Windham.....	Sept. 9, 1805	Darius N. Goodrich.	P.	Jun. 9, 1865	1876	39	56	95	23	9	3	12	0	5	0	5	6	1	120	95	150.00	3,000
23		7 Pastors, 10 A. P.				601	1278	1859	340	88	34	122	33	48	2	83	65	13	2176	2063	$3464.24	$118,500

Ministers without charge—Augustus Chandler, Editor of Record & Farmer, J. H. Thyng, Brattleboro; Joseph Chandler, Lewis Grout, Agent A. M. A., West Brattleboro; Amos Foster, Putney.

Installed—D. N. Goodrich, Windham, January 12, 1876.

Dismissed—Rev. N. Mighill, Brattleboro, Aug. 31, 1875; H. H. Olds, West Dover, May 10, 1876.

Licentiate—John E. Russell, Putney.

Register of Conference—C. H. Merrill, West Brattleboro.

Time of Meeting of Conference—First Wednesday in September.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Acting Pas.	ORDAINED	Pres. Min. Comm'ced.	Church Members. Male.	Female.	Total.	Absent.	Admitted. Prof.	Letter.	Total.	Removed. Death.	Dism'd	Excl.	Total.	Bapt'ms Adults.	Infants.	Sabbath Schools.	Average Congreg.	Benev. Contr'n	Estimated Value of Church Property.
Ascutneyville ...	Dec. 15, 1869	Franklin Butler.	A. P.	Jan. 13, 1843	1870	8	13	21	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	60	60	$ 74.29	$ 2,500
Barnard.....	May 15, 1782	.....	.....	.....	....	3	4	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
Bethel.....	July 25, 1817	Elbridge Gerry.	A. P.	Sept. 24, 1868	1872	12	37	49	8	15	2	17	1	1	0	2	11	2	96	80		
Bridgewater	Jan. 1, 1793	R. G. Bugbee.	A. P.	Licentiate	....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
Chester.....	Oct. 27, 1773	John G. Hale.	A. P.	Sept. 30, 1852	1869	56	116	172	28	34	4	38	4	5	1	10	24	0	160	150	262.42	6,000
Hartford.....	1786	S. Ingersoll Briant.	P.	Apr. 22, 1868	1875	63	115	178	32	13	6	19	0	3	0	3	8	1	233	270	308.12	15,000
Hartford West..	June 3, 1830	Bezaleel Smith.	A. P.	May 13, 1821	1871	30	58	88	19	11	2	13	1	0	0	1	11	0	95	80	60.00	400
Hartland.....	Sept. 6, 1779	R. D. Miller.	A. P.	July 2, 1856	1875	7	21	28	1	0	4	4	0	1	0	1	0	0	50	65	27.00	4,000
Ludlow	Sept. 25, 1788	S. P. Cook.	A. P.	June, 1869	1873	35	72	107	33	27	2	29	1	2	0	3	16	1	137	90	94.68	2,000
Norwich.....	June 15, 1819	William Sewall.	P.	May, 1855	1865	74	146	220	46	18	1	19	7	4	0	11	10	4	225	207	464.44	8,000
Pittsfield.....	Sept. 17, 1803	Chas. W. Clark.	A. P.	June 13, 1861	1874	19	31	50	6	2	1	3	4	2	0	6	2	0	70	81	37.50	2,000
Plymouth	May 24, 1802	Thomas Baldwin.	A. P.	June 24, 1836	1845	6	8	14	2	1	0	1	2	2	0	4	1	0	40	75		
Pomfret.....	Jan. 8, 1783	Allen Hazen.	A. P.	July 1, 1846	1875	17	27	44	8	2	0	2	2	2	0	4	1	0	79	65	26.50	2,000
Quechee.....	1838	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	7	36	43	0	4	2	6	0	0	0	0	0	0				13,000
Rochester.....	Sept. 11, 1811	T. S. Hubbard.	A. P.	June, 1849	1868	16	69	85	0	0	0	0	4	2	0	6	0	0	100	100	80.00	6,000
Royalton.....	1777	C. B. Drake, D. D.	P.	Oct. 12, 1837	1847	48	83	131	18	12	1	13	11	2	18	31	8	8	100	110	151.50	5,000
Royalton South..	Jan. 16, 1868	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	13	37	50	8	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	100	80		5,000
Sharon.....	Sept. 11, 1782	E. B. Chamberlin.	A. P.	Mar. 12, 1856	1874	27	78	85	13	12	1	13	2	0	0	2	7	1	90	75	20.00	4,000
Springfield.....	Oct. 3, 1781	Perrin B. Fisk.	P.	Oct. 1, 1863	1875	101	253	354	70	13	5	18	10	13	1	24	10	1	298	291	2700.08	25,000
Stockbridge.....	Oct. 8, 1820	Chas. W. Clark.	A. P.	June 13, 1861	1871	22	48	70	20	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	5	100	71	41.00	5,000
Weathersfield, C.	1775	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	24	20	43	10	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0		50		1,800
Weathersfield E.	Apr. 1, 1838	No report.	.....	.....	....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
Weston	Sept 4, 1799	C. J. Switzer.	A. P.	Jan. 10, 1866	1876	15	31	46	12	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	40	88	27.50	2,000
Windsor	Sept'r, 1768	R. T. Searle.	P.	May 8, 1845	1874	64	126	190	34	2	2	4	7	4	0	11	1	2	125	130	163.56	10,000
Woodstock.....	Dec'r, 1781	Lewis W. Hicks.	P.	Sept. 10, 1874	1874	59	146	205	0	13	1	14	4	5	0	9	8	1	125	189	704.02	16,000
25		6 Pastors, 14 A. P.				725	1553	2278	371	180	34	214	67	49	20	136	119	23	2313	2387	$5342.61	$1 0

Ministers without charge—Jonathan Clement, D. D., Norwich ; James Caldwell, D. D., Barnard ; J. B. Clark, Ludlow ; J. S. Chapman, Chester ; A. S. Swift, Stockbridge.

Installed—Rev. S. Ingersoll Briant, at Hartford, May 20, 1875.

Dismissed—T. M. May, from Quechee, October 20, 1875.

Register of Conference—Charles W. Clark, Gaysville.

Time of meeting of Conference—First Tuesday in June.

SUMMARY.

CONFERENCES.	Churches.									Ministers.								Church Members.				Admitted.			Removed.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath School.	Average Congregation.	Benevolent Contribut'ns	Estimated Value of Church Property.
	Total Churches.	Chs. with Pastors.	Chs. with A. P.	Chs. with Licentiates.	Vacant Churches.	Chs. rep. ad. by pf.	Chs. rep. no ad. by pf.	Net gain.	Net loss.	Pastors.	Acting Pastors.	Licentiates.	Without charge.	Ordained.	Installed.	Dismissed.	Deceased.	Total Ministers.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Absent.	Profession.	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dismissal.	Exclusion.	Total.	Adult.	Infant.				
Addison	14	7	3	2	2	8	6	21	0	7	1	3	0	6	0	0	18	653	1152	1805	302	113	32	145	46	49	29	124	60	28	1711	1611	$4365.42	$122,000
Bennington	11	4	5	0	1	8	3	88	0	4	4	5	0	1	1	0	11	348	685	1033	165	111	22	133	23	22	0	45	72	12	1285	1306	19.72.11	152,800
Caledonia	14	8	5	0	1	14	0	404	0	8	4	2	5	0	1	1	19	805	1501	2306	439	430	70	500	37	57	2	96	245	69	2128	2036	1447.43	91,400
Chittenden	18	9	9	0	4	11	7	51	0	5	6	2	8	0	0	1	21	502	979	1481	213	85	33	118	36	30	1	67	46	12	1651	1841	2068.09	198,500
Essex	3	0	2	0	1	2	1	0	2	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	3	71	139	210	57	4	0	4	4	2	0	6	3	0	171	153	179.29	5,350
Franklin & Gr'd Isle	12	2	8	0	1	8	4	80	0	2	7	0	0	0	0	1	12	452	774	1226	208	94	21	115	17	16	2	35	32	18	1034	923	2761.22	73,600
Lamoille	8	3	3	0	2	5	3	86	0	3	3	0	1	1	0	0	7	162	325	487	62	94	16	110	9	15	0	24	72	3	612	573	505.64	18,600
Orange	20	7	8	0	5	16	4	169	0	7	8	0	4	0	1	0	19	699	1416	2115	348	174	64	238	33	36	1	70	122	21	2194	2239	3730.77	92,350
Orleans	18	5	10	0	3	13	5	158	0	5	5	1	6	1	0	1	17	477	812	1319	197	168	48	216	22	34	2	58	109	37	1990	1946	1222.73	78,700
Rutland	16	4	10	0	2	10	6	83	0	4	10	1	5	0	1	2	20	670	1388	2058	343	121	42	163	41	37	2	80	73	20	1890	2168	3673.76	186,500
Washington	14	6	4	1	3	9	5	140	0	6	4	1	2	1	1	1	13	510	930	1440	187	148	44	192	29	32	0	52	123	28	1565	1461	1483.24	103,400
Windham	23	7	10	0	6	15	8	39	0	7	8	1	5	0	1	2	21	601	1258	1859	340	88	34	122	33	48	2	83	65	13	2176	2063	3464.24	118,500
Windsor	25	6	13	1	6	16	9	78	0	6	12	1	5	0	1	1	0	24	725	1553	2278	371	180	34	214	67	49	20	136	119	23	2313	2387	5342.61	135,800
	196	61	91	4	37	133	61	1388	2	64	76	14	51	3	7	9	2	285	6675	12942	19617	3232	1810	460	2270	388	427	61	876	1141	284	20720	20707	45195.55	$1,377,000

VERMONT DOMESTIC

MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

ACT OF INCORPORATION.

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

SECTION 1. James W. Hickok, Joshua Leavitt, William H. Lord, Thaddeus Fairbanks, J. G. Stimson, and Charles S. Smith, with their associates, being members of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society, a society heretofore existing, and organized for the purpose of aiding Congregational churches and communities in the State in need of assistance in sustaining the preaching of the gospel, are hereby created a body politic and corporate, by the said name of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society, with all the usual appropriate corporate rights and privileges, and with full power to acquire, hold and convey personal and real property, and to use the same in promoting and securing the aforesaid objects and purposes of their incorporation.

SECTION 2. All the doings of said Society while heretofore existing, all gifts, grants, bequests, and donations made to it, and all grants, appropriations and conveyances made by said Society, are hereby confirmed and made valid.

SECTION 3. Any two of the corporators aforesaid may call the first meeting of said corporation by giving notice thereof in some weekly paper published in said State, three weeks before the day of said meeting.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect from its passage.

Passed October 25, 1872.

LEGACIES TO THE V. D. M. SOCIETY.

FORM OF A BEQUEST.

I bequeath to my executors the sum of ———— dollars, in trust, to pay over the same to the Treasurer of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society, incorporated in October, 1872, to be applied to the charitable uses and purposes of said Society.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

VT. DOMESTIC MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

As Revised and Adopted June 18, 1873.

NAME.

Art. I. This Society shall be known by the name of the VERMONT DOMESTIC MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

MEMBERSHIP.

Art. II. Any person may become a member of this Society by paying two dollars into its treasury, and his membership shall continue so long as he shall annually pay a like sum. Any person may, at his request, become a member for life of the Society, who shall at one time pay twenty dollars or more, into its treasury. Congregational ministers whose churches contribute annually to the treasury of this Society, shall be members, and their membership shall continue so long as such annual contributions are made. All such members shall be entitled to vote.

OBJECT.

Art. III. The object of this Society shall be to supply the destitute towns in the State with the preached gospel, by the labors of missionaries, and to aid the American Home Missionary Society.

OFFICERS.

Art. IV. The officers of this Society, to be elected annually, shall be a President, Vice-President, twelve Directors, Secretary, Treasurer, and Auditor. The President and Secretary shall be members of the Board of Directors *ex-officiis*. These officers shall all hold their offices for a year and till others are elected.

DUTIES OF PRESIDENT.

Art. V. It shall be the duty of the President, or, in his absence, of the Vice-President, to preside at all meetings of the Society, and of the Board of Directors.

DUTIES OF DIRECTORS.

Art. VI. It shall be the duty of the Directors, five of whom shall constitute a quorum, to act upon applications coming from churches, asking for aid; make appropriations of money; fill temporarily any vacancy occasioned by the death or resignation of the Secretary, Treasurer, or Auditor; have a general superintendence of all the Society's affairs, and make, through the Secretary, a report of their doings at each annual meeting.

At their annual meeting the Directors shall appoint *five* of their own number—one of whom shall be the Secretary—as an Executive Committee, which committee shall have full power to act for the Directors on all matters that may come before them, when the Directors are not in session.

DUTIES OF SECRETARY.

Art. VII. The Secretary shall take charge of the books and correspondence of the Society and of the Directors; keep a true record of their doings and call meetings of the Society, Directors, and Executive Committee.

He shall secure, as far as possible, collections and donations from churches and individuals; visit destitute communities to ascertain their needs; direct itinerant missionaries to their fields; draw orders upon the Treasurer for all moneys appropriated by the Directors or Executive Committee, and make an annual report to the Society of the doings of the Directors, and the condition of the missionary work.

DUTIES OF TREASURER.

Art. VIII. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive and hold the property of the Society; take care of and invest the permanent funds; lease, or convey by deed, real estate belonging to the Society, when so ordered by the Directors or Executive Committee; and exhibit at the annual meeting an audited account of the condition of the treasury, make a statement of the amount of permanent funds, and how they are invested. He shall hold his books open for inspection when requested by any member of the Society, and shall give bonds when required by the Executive Committee.

DUTIES OF AUDITOR.

Art. IX. The Auditor shall carefully audit the Treasurer's book every year, before the annual meeting of the Society, and report also on the amount of the permanent funds, and the form of their investment.

MEETINGS.

Meetings of Society.

Art. X. There shall be an annual meeting of this Society, for the election of officers and the transaction of any necessary business, on the Wednesday succeeding the 3d Tuesday in June, at 10 o'clock A. M., at the same place where the General Convention of Congregational Ministers and Churches of Vermont holds its annual meeting. Two several notices shall be given by the Secretary, of the time and place of holding this meeting, in some newspaper generally circulated in this State.

Meetings of Directors.

The Directors shall hold an annual meeting on the same day of the annual meeting of the Society, at such time as the Secretary shall give notice to the Directors, personally or by public notice, at the annual meeting of the Society. They may adjourn or meet at such other time as they see fit, or as they may be called together by the Secretary, notice being given them in writing, one week before the time of meeting.

Meetings of Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee shall hold meetings at such times and places as they may appoint, and whenever the Secretary may call them together; and they shall have power to call meetings of the Society or Directors, in case of the death, resignation, or absence of the Secretary.

CHANGE OF CONSTITUTION.

Art. XI. The object of this Society shall not be changed, but this Constitution may be altered or amended, on a proposal of the Directors, at any annual meeting, by a vote of two thirds of the members present.

RULES ADOPTED BY THE DIRECTORS

JUNE 17, 1873.

RULE 1. Churches asking for aid, must first subscribe one hundred and twenty-five per cent. on their grand list, unless in very exceptional cases.

RULE 2. No church in debt for past ministerial services shall receive aid.

RULE 3. Appropriations shall not be made for a longer period than twelve months, and shall not, except in special cases, date back of the time of application.

RULE 4. Applications shall be signed by a committee of the church asking for aid. They shall also be endorsed by the Association within whose bounds they arise, or by a committee of such body.

RULE 5. Every application must contain an answer to the following questions, viz:

(1.) Name of minister employed?
(2.) Number of members of the church?
(3.) Usual attendance on public worship?
(4.) Amount of the grand list of the church?
(5.) Amount actually subscribed by the church for preaching?
(6.) Amount subscribed by those not members of the church?
(7.) Is aid expected from any other source?
(8.) Least amount of aid that will suffice from this Society?
(9.) Is the church in debt for past ministerial services? If so, how much? and to whom?
(10.) From what date is aid asked?

RULE 6. On the expiration of an appropriation, if aid is still needed, a new application must be made, containing an explicit answer to all of the above questions.

RULE 7. All missionaries, when required, shall furnish satisfactory testimonials of church and ministerial standing.

RULE 8. A statistical report shall be made by each missionary before the first of June, of each year, or when he leaves his field, if it is before the close of the Society's year.

RULE 9. Missionaries shall not be entitled to receive payments from this Society till they have made a written report to the Secretary, of their services for the period for which such payment is due. Those who wish quarterly payments must make quarterly reports.

RULE 10. Missionaries must reside with the people to whom they preach. If they serve two or more churches, they must live with one of them.

RULE 11. The Secretary shall engage itinerant laborers, as may be needed, for destitute fields, who shall be guaranteed eight dollars per week, and their fare one way, not to exceed twelve dollars. The people with whom they labor shall, in all cases, provide board, and pay as large a part of the salary as possible.

Churches receiving aid are requested to arrange, as far as practicable, their contracts with their ministers so that their year may commence with the first of June, in order that all applications for the renewal of grants may be made before the annual meeting.

MINUTES

OF THE

FIFTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING.

The Fifty-Eighth Anniversary of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society was held at Barton, on Wednesday, June 21st, 1876, in accordance with notice, given three weeks previously in the *Vermont Chronicle.*

In the absence of the President, the meeting was called to order by the Secretary. On motion, Hon. Franklin Fairbanks was chosen President *pro tem.*

After singing, prayer was offered by Rev. G. B. Safford, and the following committee of three were appointed to nominate officers for the year ensuing, viz: Rev. P. B. Fisk, Dea. ——— Drury and Rev. S. W. Magill.

The Treasurer, Mr. J. C. Emery, read his Report, which was accepted and approved and ordered to be printed, and may be found after the Report of the Directors.

The Directors' Report was then read by the Secretary, Rev. C. S. Smith, accepted, approved and ordered to be printed.

While the above motion was pending, remarks were made by Rev. Messrs. C. B. Drake, D. D., A. Stevens, D. D., A. Walker, D. D., J. G. Hale and others.

Rev. J. G. Johnson introduced a resolution passed by the General Convention, and moved its acceptance and adoption by this Society. The resolution was read and unanimously adopted, and is as follows:

"The Committee appointed to consider what action should be taken in regard to the Sustentation Plan advise that the effort to sustain it as an independent organization be discontinued, and the Sustentation Committee be discharged.

"But they believe that there are features of the Sustentation Plan which it is very desirable to preserve.

"They therefore advise that the Domestic Missionary Society shall hereafter pledge, to such churches as they shall decide to assist, an additional amount of from twenty to fifty per cent., if they will install their pastor.

"They advise that the Domestic Missionary Society shall require of all churches, to which they give this additional aid, regular quarterly payment of salary, before the aid of the Domestic

Missionary Society shall be forwarded; and also that they shall require of such churches an annual contribution to at least four of the benevolent societies which are commended to the Congregational churches."

On motion, the following Committee—viz: Rev. Messrs. C. S. Smith, J. G. Johnson and J. G. Hale, were appointed to arrange the details of a plan for embodying the principles of pastoral sustentation in the Domestic Missionary work, and report such plan to the Executive Committee.

The Nominating Committee reported the following list of officers for the ensuing year, which was accepted, and they were duly elected:

President—Hon. J. W. STEWART.

Vice President—Rev. L. H. ELLIOT.

Secretary—Rev. C. S. SMITH.

Treasurer—J. C. EMERY, Esq.

Auditor—Hon. JOHN A. PAGE.

Directors—Rev. W. H. LORD, D. D., THADDEUS FAIRBANKS, Esq., Rev. C. E. FERRIN, Rev. W. S. HAZEN, Rev. A. W. WILD, Rev. J. G. JOHNSON, Rev. J. G. HALE, Rev. G. B. SAFFORD, J. S. SPAULDING, LL. D., Rev. I. JENNINGS, Rev. S. W. DIKE, Pres. C. B. HULBERT, D. D.

Directors ex-officiis—Hon. J. W. STEWART, President, and Rev. C. S. SMITH, Secretary.

After singing the Doxology, on motion, the Society adjourned.

C. S. SMITH, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS.

Though this is the first time we have ever held our annual meeting in this county, yet it is with very much of a home feeling that we have responded to the invitation of this church, and come to celebrate our fifty-eighth anniversary with her. We feel that we are not among strangers to-day, but the guests of a church that, for some years, was ministered to from our treasury, and in the midst of a sisterhood of seventeen churches, all of whom, with a single exception, have been nourished and brought up by us as children, and received a dowry at our hands. We congratulate our daughter here for the favor of the Lord to her; that she has been so blessed in the basket and in the store that she no longer needs help from others in feeding her family with the bread of life, and that she has so beautiful and attractive a dwelling in which to keep house and train up her children in the nurture of the Lord. May the Highest establish her! May she dwell in the house of the Lord forever, and gather within her courts the people, so that in the years and generations to come the Lord shall count, when he writeth up the people, that this and that man was born here.

A kind Providence has spared all the officers and missionaries of this Society during the past year, and richly blessed us in our work.

THE TREASURY.

From the Report of the Treasurer it appears that the amount of receipts and disbursements during the year, in the Ordinary and Itinerant Departments have been but little different from the year previous. The gradual decline in prices and general stagnation in business have rendered the work of taking collections more difficult than usual. They came in very slowly, so that at one time our treasury was overdrawn a thousand dollars. But the receipt of a legacy of that amount from the estate of Mrs. Betsey Simonds of Pittsford, and the coming in of the tardy contributions near the end of the year, enabled us to close our accounts with $3,000.75 in the treasury. A comparison of the receipts with the year previous, on the whole, show a gratifying result. Leaving out the income from the permanent funds, which does not vary much from year to year, and taking simply the receipts for

the Ordinary and Itinerant Departments, with what has been gathered from Itinerant Fields, and we find they exceed those of the year previous by $219.36. There have been sent to the American Home Missionary Society, without passing through our treasury, $3,615.41, which is $1,084.18 more than was reported a year ago. So that the total gifts from the State to home missions the past year, has been $1,303.54 more than the year before. In considering all that has been given for home missionary objects, it is proper to include the $742.58, given to the cause of Pastoral Sustentation, as that is a branch of home work.

SYSTEMATIC GIVING.

Every year demonstrates the fact that a large number of churches have no fixed system of taking collections for meeting the expenses of Christ's kingdom. They seem to have no clearly defined idea of responsibility to bear their proportion in these expenses. They have no time assigned for contributing to specific objects, or if they have, it does not so live in their memories and purpose as to bring forth fruit. The slightest causes are allowed to put by collections, so that from year to year some churches do this work only as they are urged to it from without. The churches that are the most prompt and liberal contributors are those that have monthly or weekly contributions, dividing them, according to some plan adopted, among the different objects of Christian benevolence; thus forwarding their bounties every two or three months to each of these objects. We have come to anticipate with as much confidence remittances, every few months, from the churches in Woodstock, Norwich, Newbury, the North and South churches in St. Johnsbury, and a few others, as we do the return of the seasons. The reason is because they have a definite system which makes regular and frequent revolutions, and which, from the frequency and regularity of its return, cannot be forgotten or omitted without all feeling that something is amiss. Since the adoption of such a system the gifts of these churches are much in excess of what they were before. We look forward with hope to the time when weekly offerings to the Lord, both for home expenses and for the general work of the church throughout the world, will be generally adopted as a part of every Sabbath's worship, and result in a large increase of consecrated offerings.

STATISTICAL TABLES.

The following tables will be found to contain the principal statistics relating to the several aided churches and fields occupied during the year by the Ordinary and Itinerant departments, with brief notices of each:

TABULAR VIEW OF THE AIDED CHURCHES.

No.	CHURCHES.	MISSIONARIES.	DATE OF COMMISSION.	Length Commission	Aid Pledged.	Months of Labor.	Added: Hopeful Cases Relig	Added: Profession.	Added: Letter.	Removed: Dismissed.	Removed: Deaths.	Removed: Exclusion.	Resident Members.	Male Residents.	Non-Residents.	Average Congregation.	No. in Sabbath School.	CONTRIBUTIONS: Home Missions.	CONTRIBUTIONS: Other objects.
1	Arlington East.....	Julius C. McCollom,	Jan. 1, 1876	12	$250	12	4	4	0	4	0	0	43	10	10	100	80	$14 00	$18 00
2	Berkshire East. ...	Elias W. Hatch,	April 1, 1876	12	100	12	35	23	1	0	2	0	67	29	8	100	100	13 30	30 00
3	Berlin West.....	John F. Stone,	June 1, 1876	12	200	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	21	7	1	40	55	25 00	15 00
4	Bethel.....	Elbridge Gerry,	April 1, 1876	12	150	12	..	15	2	0	0	0	39	8	8	75	80	12 50	32 00
5	Charleston West....	William T. Herrick,	June 1, 1876	12	150	12	32	27	1	5	3	0	79	34	9	120	123	37 50	175 25
6	Colchester.....	Charles M. Seaton,	Jan. 1, 1876	12	150	12	3	0	0	2	1	0	48	5	10	90	75	.....	32 00
7	Danby.....	Lucien D. Mears,	Mar. 15, 1876	12	200	3	0	0	0	2	0	1	15	3	6	35	34	10 00	.....
8	Fair Haven.....	R. J. Mathews,	July 1, 1875	12	200	9	18	16	0	11	0	4	42	13	4	80	80	.....	5 00
9	Gaysville.....	Charles W. Clark,	April 1, 1876	12	125	12	9	0	0	0	2	0	50	17	20	70	100	19 00	22 00
10	Granby & Victory..	Charles Duren,	Mar. 20, 1876	12	200	12	12	1	0	1	1	0	41	17	12	65	60	23 57	69 77
11	Hartland.....	Henry T. Hunter, / Robert D. Miller,	May 29, 1875 / Oct. 16, 1875	12 / ..	200 / ...	3 / 8	.. / 7	.. / 0	.. / 4	.. / 1	.. / 0	.. / 0	.. / 29	.. / 7	.. / ..	.. / 70	.. / 50	..... / 10 00	..... / 17 00
12	Highgate.....	James P. Stone,	Oct. 1, 1875	12	200	12	1	4	0	0	3	0	33	10	18	70	90	20 00	28 00
13	Holland.....	Royal D. Metcalf....	Apr. 15, 1875	9	112	9	15	2	..	..	..	..	23	10	..	75	150	6 00	22 56
14	Irasburgh.....	Rev. Azro D. Smith,	Jan. 1, 1876	12	100	..	6	21	2	5	1	0	65	29	14	125	148	25 00	73 25
15	Jamaica...	Amzi B. Emmons,	Apr. 1, 1876	12	200	12	25	17	3	..	1	..	48	18	2	107	100	10 00	56 85
16	Londonderry.....	Eben C. Birge,	Feb. 20, 1876	12	200	12	17	12	3	0	1	0	39	6	0	80	40	20 50	4 00
17	Ludlow	Silas P. Cook,	June 1, 1876	12	140	12	..	12	1	2	1	0	73	25	37	98	127	23 12	96 87
18	Lunenburgh	George A. Perkins,	May 1, 1876	6	75	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	72	22	25	85	111	.....	9 00

19	Marshfield	Nelson F. Cobleigh,	May 23,	1876	12	200	12	6	16	1	0	1	0	48	18	7	83	87	.....	71	80
20	Middletown	Osborn Myrick,	Nov. 1,	1876	12	200	12	0	0	0	0	1	0	33	7	8	100	114	6 50	25	00
21	Montgomery Center	Elias W. Hatch,	June 1,	1876	12	100	12	2	0	0	0	0	0	35	15	7	35	45	.....	24	00
22	Morgan	William T. Herrick,	June 1,	1876	12	50	12	15	0	0	1	1	0	15	4	4	85	90	8 50	4	25
23	Morrisville	Vitellus M. Hardy,	Jan. 1,	1876	12	100	12	32	26	8	1	3	0	110	40	10	153	202	22 12	32	70
24	Newbury West	Amzi B. Lyon,	June 1,	1876	12	200	12	17	4	1	2	0	0	39	16	4	75	90	31 00	13	00
25	Pittsfield	Charles W. Clark,	April 1,	1876	12	75	12	3	2	1	2	4	0	44	17	6	80	50	11 00	26	50
26	Plainfield	Charles Redfield,	June 1,	1875	12	200	12	7	6	0	3	1	0	28	9	11	70	70	20 50	11	25
27	Pomfret	Allen Hazen,	May 15,	1876	12	200	1	..	0	0	2	2	0	36	14	8	150	90	12 95	16	75
28	Ripton	Cephas H. Kent,	June 1,	1876	12	200	12	2	4	0	5	0	0	41	18	18	50	40	55 00	153	00
29	Roxbury	Alden Ladd,	Oct. 1,	1875	12	300	12	6	0	0	0	0	0	49	21	7	75	50	30 00	20	00
30	Sudbury	Henry F. Rustedt,	Sept. 1,	1875	12	200	12	0	0	0	1	1	0	20	6	6	45	20	18 00	.....	
31	Tunbridge	Stephen F. Lougee,	June 1,	1875	12	200	12	20	8	6	1	0	0	42	18	14	...	118	10 00	2	79
32	Wardsboro South	Edward F. Abbott,	May 9,	1876	12	200	12	24	0	0	1	0	0	24	10	4	76	65	12 70	.....	
33	Waterville	Richard Hicks,	Sept. 1,	1875	12	100	12	2	2	0	0	2	0	30	7	2	100	60	5 00	.....	
34	West Fairlee	Solon Martin,	June 1,	1876	12	200	12	6	1	1	2	3	0	43	18	16	60	45	20 00	29	00
35	Weston	C. J. Switzer,	Apr. 28,	1876	12	200	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	.....	
36	Wilmington	A. C. Field,	Apr. 1,	1876	12	200	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	53	18	37	75	65	6 00	.....	
37	Wolcott	H. Prescott,	Oct. 4,	1875	12	250	5	45	32	3	1	1	0	45	17	3	80	90	20 00	17	28
		Edw'd J. Giddings,	March,	1876	..	...	..	0	5	0	0	0	0	51	19	12	70	40	10 00	.....	
38	Worcester	William Schofield,	June 20,	1875	12	275	11	4	..	..	.	1	..	23	4	18	86	75	.....	.....	

THE AIDED CHURCHES.

1. ARLINGTON EAST. The removal from this place of a branch of manufacturing, that gave employment to a number of men, has weakened the church pecuniarily and reduced the congregation somewhat. In other respects the year has been one of fair prosperity. The missionary holds service every Sabbath afternoon at West Arlington.

2. BERKSHIRE EAST. The missionary writes: "The events of the past year have been of unusual interest to our little church. Harmonious and united in all that concerns the advancement of Christ's kingdom, we have been favored with a precious revival season. It began in February, in connection with Gospel meetings, and continued as a special awakening during several weeks. Aside from the number of conversions, estimated by some to be upwards of thirty, the interest awakened in Gospel work is the most remarkable. There are now many willing and efficient workers, ready to assist the pastor in holding meetings in out-districts, take charge of prayer meetings, etc. A Young People's meeting was the outgrowth of the revival, which still continues well sustained. The number added to us during the year by profession is twenty-three. Others are expected at the next communion season. A great change has come over the congregation and Sunday School. Increased numbers and interest make our prospect unusually encouraging, and our hope is to be soon able to dispense with aid from the Missionary Society."

3. BERLIN WEST. The church and congregation here are decreasing, and it seems doubtful whether preaching can be sustained long. The missionary says that "the usual congregation, when the roads and the weather are not especially unfavorable, is about forty." He also speaks of the year as having been one of sore trial, which he hopes will be sanctified to their good.

4. BETHEL. Of this field the missionary writes: "The influence of the revival enjoyed by the church a year ago has been felt through the entire year. There has been a larger attendance at our prayer meetings than for many years previous, and a deeper interest has pervaded them. This has been an encouraging feature. A number have been deeply impressed, and some have taken a decided stand for Christ who have not as yet united with the church. A discouraging feature is found in the fact that, of the young men who united with the church the past year, not one remains to work with us. Some we know are doing work for the Master in other fields of labor. The loss has not been made good to us by the coming in of others, but we suppose this is a common

experience with these small, country churches. In regard to the future, the prospects do not seem more favorable than in the past, nor do I know that they are more unfavorable. Very few changes take place in the community. The opposition to evangelical religion continues in about the usual way and with about the usual force."

5. CHARLESTON WEST. A precious revival has been experienced, concerning which and the state of the church the missionary says: "At the communion (April 2) twenty-seven were received by profession, much the largest number ever received at one time into this church. These new members appear well. They have already begun to scatter. One is now in Oregon; another in Iowa. The spiritual force of the church is largely increased, and our young society is very greatly changed for the better. But the pecuniary ability of the church is not greatly increased; and one of our most liberal givers is so crippled in his ability to pay that he is reluctantly obliged to diminish his subscription for preaching and his contributions for benevolent objects. But in some way I believe the Lord will provide for this church."

6. COLCHESTER. Little change has occurred in this church. Union meetings have been held, with the Methodists, every Sabbath evening through the year, and some special interest manifested.

7. DANBY. This was supplied the fore part of the year by a student. Through the winter they had no preaching. Mr. Mears commenced his labors in March. In a community like this, that has not been trained, under the regular or stated ministry of the Word there is much work to be done; many obstacles to be overcome; great need of uninterrupted labor and only slow growth to be expected. There has been some hope of uniting the little church at East Dorset with this under the ministry of the same man.

8. FAIR HAVEN. This is a Welsh church, which joined the Rutland Conference. The missionary left in April for the want of sufficient support. There is another feeble Welsh church in the same village. The two ought to unite and thus combine their strength. Unless they do so it seems questionable whether aid should be granted them.

9. GAYSVILLE. The missionary writes: "Our church, which has been greatly depressed and reduced in numbers, has been greatly revived in spirit and strengthened in hope during the last

winter. A Gospel meeting, held there in January, developed a special religious interest, including a spirit of quite general reconsecration upon the part of the members of our church, who manifest a gratifying disposition to enter more heartily and thoroughly into religious work. We have had what may be called a genuine revival of religion in the church, and, although out of it not what would be called a general revival, there have been a number of hopeful conversions."

10. GRANBY AND VICTORY. Preaching has been maintained in this field through the year by Rev. C. Duren, who writes: "It has been a year of quite prevailing religious interest. Besides the usual regular meetings and labors, in which the members of the church have cordially co-operated, we have been greatly helped by visits of Christian workers from the vicinity. There is still a very pleasant state of religious feeling, and Christians are disposed to pray and labor with faith in the divine promises. The pecuniary ability has sensibly diminished during the year, but the same amount has been raised as last year with much readiness. A second half century of the church commences with favorable religious prospects. The Congregational church seems well rooted. It may long require missionary help, but the society thus furnishes to this small community its only stated religious worship. One young man of the church has gone to Oberlin to prepare for greater usefulness, and his brother hopes soon to begin a course of study for the ministry."

11. HARTLAND. Some religious interest has been enjoyed during the year, but no extended work of grace. The missionary writes that "probably not one sixth of the population in the town show any interest in public worship." Nearly fifty dollars' worth of books have been added to the Sunday-school library.

12. HIGHGATE. The missionary reports a smaller attendance upon public worship and Sabbath school than a year ago, partly owing to removals from town and partly to a want of interest on the part of the church and congregation. He thinks "an old-fashioned, orthodox revival" is greatly needed in the community.

13. HOLLAND. This church was supplied most of the year by Mr. R. D. Metcalf. It has been refreshed by the reviving influences of God's spirit. Much assistance was received by the visits of brethren from Newport and other churches. They are soon to be supplied by Rev. James Hay. An organ has been purchased at an expense of $130.

14. IRASBURGH. This church has been strengthened and made glad by additions which were mainly the fruits of the revival the

year previous. They have given an unanimous call to Rev. A. A. Smith, who has ministered to them for more than five years past, to become their pastor. They feel the need of a parsonage, and are considering how they can meet the expense. The church are united, and it is to be hoped that they will soon have a settled pastor.

15. JAMAICA. The past has been a year of rich blessing to this church. Its active membership has more than doubled. After the week of prayer, through most of the winter, extra prayer meetings were held, and some of the time preaching services on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. The Sabbath school has been nearly doubled, and a young people's prayer meeting formed. Some of the leading men have been added to the church.

16. LONDONDERRY. A blessing has been received, and the church been made glad by an addition to its numbers.

17. LUDLOW. There has been growth in a knowledge of scriptural truth and in a spirit of labor for the Master in this church. The missionary has been compelled, from over work, to suspend labor for two months past. His labors in his own parish, and as chairman of the committee of the Young Men's Christian Association, have been for two years past very great and almost unintermitted. May a kind Providence soon restore him to health and the privilege of labor.

18. LUNENBURGH. Aid has been granted this church for the first time for many years. They have sustained preaching without help. But changes in the ministry, and a loss of numbers, have weakened them so that they have called for assistance. Their circumstances at present seem encouraging, and we hope they will soon be self-supporting again.

19. MARSHFIELD. The year has been one of spiritual prosperity. The congregation has increased in numbers, and Christians have showed a mind to work. There have been some conversions, and growth among those who joined the year before. There have been removals of valuable members and some financial loss, but the church holds on its way with good courage.

20. MIDDLETOWN. The Missionary writes: "The last year has been one of harmony and quiet with the church, but the death of two men who have been important supports in the Society—one of them our senior deacon—has been a special cause of discouragement. The interest in the Sabbath school and the attendance upon public worship and the weekly prayer meeting, seem to be hopeful indications of the divine blessing."

21. MONTGOMERY CENTER. Rev. E. W. Hatch, who preaches at East Berkshire, supplies this little church regularly with one service every other Sabbath. There are some good Christian people connected with it. They are, however, most of them advanced in years, and the prospects of the church for continued life must depend upon an ingathering of the young speedily.

22. MORGAN. After being without Congregational preaching for several years, this church has been supplied the past year, on alternate Sabbaths, by Rev. W. T. Herrick, of West Charleston, who writes: "An interesting and genuine revival occurred during the winter, which commenced with Gospel meetings held Dec. 31, 1875, to Jan. 2, 1876. The work was afterwards carried on by both churches--Methodist and Congregational—which worship in the same house. The Congregational church will be somewhat strengthened, though not so much as I hoped for a time it might be."

23. MORRISVILLE. "The year has been one of unusual increase. A religious interest became manifest in April and May of last year, which continued for three months, quietly and yet thoroughly. From this interest, consummating in a special series of meetings, assisted by the Gospel workers, the church has been considerably strengthened. The attendance on public worship has been larger than any year since my acquaintance with the church. The members of the church sustained one meeting in a district neighborhood last season, and arrangements are made to keep up services in two neighborhoods this year. Just now some of our force has been removed by the going away of several of our young people, but the coming year ought to witness a good growth in grace, and extension of Christ's kingdom. The church during the year have issued a manual, the first it has ever had of its own. The pressure of hard times is felt among us, but perhaps no more than in some other of our churches. There are a great many things yet to do and gain, some of which we hope to attain unto if we faint not." A member of this church has just completed a course of preparation for the work of the ministry. It is to be hoped that this church will soon cease to lean upon the Missionary Society for help.

24. NEWBURY WEST. Considerable interest was manifested, near the close of the year, in religion in this church. Several hopeful conversions are reported, and it is to be hoped that the good work will go forward.

25. PITTSFIELD. Rev. C. W. Clark has continued to supply this little church on Sabbath afternoons. He writes: "The work of

death, among the members of the church and congregation, has been unusually great, and quite a number of the surviving members of the church are advanced in years. The people naturally feel that it is a time of trial with them, but there is stable character and an excellent spirit in the church, and the prospect upon the whole is hopeful."

26. PLAINFIELD. The missionary regards the church as inactive and disinclined to work, yet he says: "There has been, during the latter part of the year, an unusual interest in spiritual things, yet it has been almost entirely out of the church. Some of the young people have become converts, and more are interested. I had hoped the church would take its place as a working body. If it is working, it is out of my notice. A meeting of the Gospel workers (Y. M. C. A.) has been held, which seemed to stir up more of the unconverted than Christians."

27. POMFRET. The following is from the report of the missionary: "The list of church members has been carefully revised, and some errors of long standing have been corrected. The present statement is believed to be accurate—i. e. forty-four members. The attendance on public worship is encouraging—has been increasing. A new form for admission of members to the church was adopted May 5th. Although I cannot report 'results,' I can state that I regard the field as hopful. There has been no *revival*, but yet the silent, close attention to the preaching is gratifying. Some members of the church are ever ready to good work; others seem to be more engrossed in business and cares. The mission Sabbath school at South Pomfret has not met during the winter. It is now to be revived, with good prospects. Preaching has been kept up once a month at that place."

28. RIPTON. More than usual religious excitement existed in the town the past year. The final results of it cannot be confidently predicted. The missionary hopes for some abiding good fruit.

29. ROXBURY. A young man, a child of this church, is looking forward to the ministry. Though no revival is reported, there has been a good degree of spiritual interest. The missionary laments that quite a number, of those who claim to be Christians, do not unite with the church. The Sabbath school is well attended, and a goodly number of young people are brought under Gospel teaching and influences.

30. SUDBURY. The church has been repaired at an expense of about $100, and a cabinet organ purchased. The members of

this church are mostly aged, and the attendance on public worship is small, but it is the only church in the town, and the missionary labors on, committing his work to the Lord.

31. TUNBRIDGE. Extra meetings have been held, and the aid of an evangelist secured. Several conversions are reported, but the missionary complains of the backwardness of the church to meet their pecuniary obligations. He expects to leave at the end of his year.

32. WARDSBORO SOUTH. The missionary rejoices in the gift of the Holy Ghost to his people, and in quite a general religious interest through the town. Sixteen adults have been propounded for admission into the church.

33. WATERVILLE. The missionary writes: "The state of things in the Waterville church remains about as it has been for some time past. Nothing special has transpired through the past year. The visit of the Gospel workers last summer proved a blessing to some of the members of the church. But no widespread awakening followed. Two of the aged members of the church have passed away; one or two others are in feeble health, and in particular the senior deacon, Bro. W. Wilbur, who has for such a long time been the main stay of the church. But other young men are coming forward to take his place. A desire is being manifested for a higher and better Christian life, and some are progressing towards it. The church and the community need a powerful awakening of the Holy Spirit. Some are waiting for it and expecting it. The field ought still to be occupied."

34. WEST FAIRLEE. In the report from this church it is said: "In reviewing the year, I find nothing of marked interest to report. We have had no general revival; but we think there has been an increasing interest in the services of the sanctuary, and in the Sabbath school. It has not been a time of ingathering, but of seed-sowing; and we hope the harvest season is near. While we have deeply felt the loss of several valuable members who have been removed by death, we have been cheered by the hopeful conversion of a few, and think that the prospects of the church, on the whole, are better than at the close of last year. The people generally contribute liberally according to their means, but cannot possibly continue to support preaching without aid from the Missionary Society."

35. WESTON. This church has come upon our roll late in the year. They secured, in the spring, the services of Rev. C. J. Switzer. Some division of feeling has existed in the community

for more than a year past. It is hoped that now they have secured another minister, both he and they will seek the things that make for peace.

36. WILMINGTON. This church has been aided by the Sustentation Committee for the past two years, and have now been received by this Society. They have moved their church building, put a new vestry under it, and are now papering and repairing the upper part.

37. WOLCOTT. This church had no steady preaching after Mr. Herrick left them till October, 1875, when Mr. H. Prescott came among them. He commenced a course of patient visiting and holding extra meetings. In about four months' labor he visited nearly two hundred families, and witnessed a large number of hopeful conversions. Forty new family altars were set up, and a new bell and chandelier were bought. The religious work was helped forward by brethren from other towns. Mr. Prescott was followed immediately by Rev. Edward J. Giddings, who has entered into his labors.

38. WORCESTER. This church has suffered from deaths and removals, so that they felt unable to support their pastor, and he was dismissed. They have repaired their meeting-house at an expense of about $350, and though somewhat cast down, are not in despair. They are hoping still to sustain public worship.

TABULAR VIEW OF ITINERANT FIELDS.

FIELDS AND MISSIONARIES.	BEGUN.	Months of labor.	Weekly Salary.	Traveling Expenses.	Amount Paid. By the People.	Amount Paid. By the Society.	Amount Paid. Total.	Average Congregation.	No. in Sab. School.
1. ALBURGH								95	55
J. W. Horner	May 15, 1875	14	$8 00	$12 00	$148 00	$	$148 00	...	...
H. S. Slack	May 27, 1876	1	8 00						
2. BRAINTREE								70	55
A. T. Swing	May 10, 1875	17	8 00	8 00	20 43	115 57	136 00	...	...
3. BRAINTREE E. and W. BROOKFIELD W.								115	80
H. T. Sell	May 13, 1875	13	8 00	10 25	50 44	87 81	138 25	...	...
S. C. Bushnell	May 18, 1876	2	8 00						
4. BRIDGEWATER								85	45
R. G. Bugbee	May 15, 1875	15	8 00	7 00	105 00	14 00	119 00	...	...
5. CALAIS								75	40
K. A. Torrey	May 27, 1876	1	8 00						
6. DANBY								52	23
Jas. L. Harrington	May 20, 1875	3	8 00	11 80	64 00	75 80	139 80	...	...
7. ORANGE								80	145
Thomas P. Vaille	June 26 1876	48	15 20		438 00	280 00	718 00	...	...
8. RUTLAND WEST								...	...
G. A. Pehrsson								...	...
9. ST. ALBANS								...	...
A. Geoffroy	July 1, 1875	1			95 00	38 00	33 00	...	...
10. WESTON								165	70
S. J. Bryant	May 14, 1875	15	8 00			70 00	165 00	...	...
11. WOODBURY								98	85
R. B. Wright	May 13, 1875	28	8 00	11 10	71 25	163 85	235 10	...	...
R. M. Cole	Dec. 12, 1875	5				45 00	45 00	...	...
S. H. Robinson	Jan. 1, 1876	26		13 46	184 00	166 66	350 00	...	...

ITINERANT FIELDS.

1. ALBURGH. This church not succeeding in securing a permanent pastor, they have depended, for a few months in the summer and fall, upon the labors of a student. They met the whole expense last year. It would be better for them to get a permanent pastor.

2. BRAINTREE HILL. The congregation was large through the last summer, the labors of the student arduous, and a hopeful and encouraged feeling prevailed. The same student is again on the ground this spring.

3. BRAINTREE EAST AND BROOKFIELD WEST. This church was supplied during the summer of 1875 by a student. Through the following winter and spring Rev. S. W. Dike, of West Randolph, preached for them on Sabbath afternoons. They have this summer a student again. A good degree of religious interest is maintained in this church. The brethren live in harmony, sustain well their social meetings, and have received some new members. By reason of some local difficulty, no meetings were held at West Brookfield through the year.

4. BRIDGEWATER. Mr. R. G. Bugbee, a young man who is a native of the town, preached here last summer with great acceptance, and, having graduated from the Yale Theological Seminary, is with them again the present summer.

5. CALAIS. The inhabitants of this town are largely Universalists, but there are some Methodist and Congregational families who have endeavored, for some years, to maintain religious services and secure evangelical preaching. For two years past they have been supplied by a Methodist minister. The present summer they have a student from Yale Theological Seminary.

6. DANBY. This church has been without stated preaching since Mr. Wright was dismissed. They were supplied by a student last summer, but have now a minister engaged for the year.

7. ORANGE. Religious services have been sustained here, during the summer season, for many years, by itinerant laborers. For two years past they have had preaching nearly all of the time. Mr. T. P. Vaille commenced preaching there one year ago, and has labored with great fidelity and discretion. His labors have been blessed, and a church will, in all probability, soon be organized. The present religious prospects of the community are most hopeful.

8. RUTLAND WEST. No report has been received from the labors of the Swedish missionary who has occupied this field for a few years past.

9. French Mission at ST. ALBANS and vicinity. Rev. A. Geoffroy resigned his work early in the year and returned to Canada.

10. WESTON. After the dismission of their pastor, this church was in somewhat of a divided state, and so secured a student for a few months last summer. They have now an acting pastor for a year.

11. WOODBURY. A great change has taken place in this town. An extensive religious interest attended the labors of Mr. Wright through last summer and fall. A church was organized the last of November, consisting of thirty-two members. A few others have joined it, and more will do so at an early day. Mr. S. H. Robinson succeeded Mr. Wright, and has labored through the winter and spring with great fidelity. An effort is being made to unite the people at the Center, and at South Woodbury, in sustaining worship under the same minister. Meetings are now held alternately at each place. As the people never have been accus-

tomed to tax themselves regularly and liberally for the support of religious institutions, they have much to learn in this respect, and there seems to be more danger of difficulty arising in this direction than from any other. Liberality in subscribing for preaching, and promptness in meeting pledges, are essential to the prosperity and perpetuity of any church. Unless a church understands this and acts accordingly, it must suffer in consequence.

SUMMARY.

MISSIONARIES.

The number of missionaries employed is the same as reported a year ago—fifty-two. Fifteen of these have labored in Itinerant Fields. One pastor has been dismissed, by reason of serious losses in his church, by deaths and emigration, rendering it impossible for them longer to support him. Changes in the ministry have taken place in six of the churches. Six of the missionaries have been more than ten years each in their present fields. Another has ministered fifteen, and another nineteen years to the same people. Several other churches would have applied to us for aid if they had succeeded in securing acceptable and permanent ministers. The demand of these churches is not for great men, but they greatly need earnest, active, devoted ministers, of good judgment, fair preaching ability and good pastoral qualifications. Their success in raising a salary in the parish and gaining any hold upon the community at large, depends upon their securing such ministers.

There is certainly a great scarcity of men of this class who can be found to enter our country parishes, on a salary of from five to eight hundred dollars—which is all that in many cases can be guaranteed. Some of our feeble churches, in despair of finding Congregational ministers to serve them, for what they can raise, employ ministers of other denominations, whom they can get for a less price. And though their present want may seem to be met by so doing, we cannot but think they will find in the end that it will introduce disharmony and weakness among them.

It is our conviction also that there is verily a fault in most of the Conferences, on the part of the stronger churches, in not showing an interest in, and sympathy for, their feebler sister churches, when they are destitute of a minister, disheartened and

ready to perish. Friendly visits, words of cheer, and a readiness to assist them in securing a minister, will often tide them over some shoal, on which they are stranded, and send them onward under brighter skies.

INGATHERINGS.

The missionary churches have shared bountifully in the spiritual blessings God has so freely bestowed upon the State during the year, not less than seventeen have enjoyed revivals of greater or less power. Five report over thirty conversions each; three others over twenty each; five others over fifteen each. The whole number of conversions reported is four hundred and fifty-two—a larger number than has occurred for many years. The Lord has visited His heritage and blessed the poor of His people. He has put joy and gladness into many hearts. The numbers of additions to the missionary churches have been, by profession, 299, by letter, 39—making a total of 338. The losses by deaths and removals have been 101—leaving a net gain of 237.

ITINERANT DEPARTMENT.

The number of laborers in the Itinerant Department is less than formerly, as the result, for the most part, of changes in some of the fields occupied, bringing them into established relations to our own or some other denomination, thus rendering such kind of work in them inexpedient or unnecessary.

Rev. Antoine Geoffroy, who labored among the French-speaking population in Franklin County, left, of his own accord, early in the year, for other work in Canada. He was an earnest, faithful and simple-hearted Christian man, well fitted for the self-denying work to which he has consecrated his life.

Itinerant laborers have been employed during some part of the year in Danby, Weston, Alburgh, Bridgewater, Braintree, East Braintree and West Brookfield, Orange, Calais and Woodbury. Seventy-eight hopeful conversions have been reported from these fields. In two of them—Woodbury and Orange—men have been at work during the entire year.

CHURCH GATHERED.

We have seldom met with more encouraging results in this department than the last year has furnished. At Woodbury Center, where, at intervals in years past, we have sent laborers, and where they have had all kinds of preaching by turns, but none long at a

time, we sent, a year ago, Mr. R. B. Wright, a student from Yale Thelogical Seminary. The attendance was good from the first, but after a few weeks an unmistakable interest began to be manifest in all the meetings and in the study of God's word in the Sabbath school. This increased through the summer and fall, extending over a considerable part of the town, and reaching persons who had never before seemed to care for religious things. Mr. Wright labored with great earnestness, fidelity and good judgment, and such was the evident presence of the Spirit, in leading the people to inquire after the way of life, that he lengthened his time of service from three to six months. At the expiration of that time, on the last day of November, a Council, previously called, met and organized a church, which, with some admitted on the following Sabbath, consisted of thirty-two members, and has since been increased to thirty-seven, twenty-two of whom were males. Most of these were new converts. A few were members of other churches—Methodists, Christians and Baptists—who had moved there from other towns; and a few of them were persons who had cherished a Christian hope for some years, but as there was no church in town, had made no public profession of their faith. All these united and took the vows of God upon them. This is the first and only church organization that ever existed in the town. There is no house of worship at the Center, but they are comfortably accommodated at the town-house.

Mr. R. S. Robinson, a graduate of Yale Theological Seminary, took Mr. Wright's place, and was engaged for a year. About three miles and a half from Woodbury Center is the little village of South Woodbury, having a church building belonging to an association of citizens, but encumbered with a debt, and not quite completed. Believing that in a town so thinly populated as Woodbury, and where there is so little wealth, one church is all they can possibly support, and that one should do its best to meet the religious wants of all the people, a move has been made to have Mr. Robinson preach alternately at each village. This is now being done. As there has, in the past, been no steady religious services by any one denomination, but a wide diversity of views, no little wisdom is needed by the missionary and the infant church, to bring about a settled, orderly way of doing things, and secure perfect harmony, in all matters pertaining to the highest good of Zion and of all the people. The work of grace seems to have been genuine. The change in the town is quite remarkable, and the present state of things as hopeful, perhaps, as we could expect. Mr. Robinson is laboring with great fidelity to set in order and strengthen the things that are new. There is no prospect that the church will for the present be self-sustaining. But

of the need of a church and of regular religious services, there can be but one opinion.

In the formation of this church there has been no violation of Christian comity, or trespassing upon the rights of other denominations. An unoccupied field has been entered, and an effort made to till it for the Lord. We have already too many feeble churches, dragging out a painful and unsatisfying life, by the side of other like feeble churches, of other evangelical denominations, to organize any new ones, except where there is no rival evangelical church, and where there is positive need of such an organization.

OTHER FRUITS.

The Lord has greatly blessed our efforts in another field somewhat similar to Woodbury. We have for some years bestowed considerable labor upon Orange Center. For two years past they have been supplied with preaching nearly the whole of the time. There was, many years ago, a Congregational church formed there, but there has not, for some years, been any vestige of such an organization. Last fall and winter God visited this long-barren field, which is under the care of Mr. T. P. Vaille, and made it to bud and blossom with flowers of His own planting. It is probable that soon a church will be organized there where no church of any denomination now exists. Letters missive were issued, calling a Council to meet there June twenty-seventh to give advice in the matter. Over thirty persons have signified their desire to be formed into a church. So through God's favoring providence, patient labor meets its reward. Some of the waste places in the State are being built up, their desolations repaired, and the people fed with the heritage of Jacob. "The Lord has been sought of them that asked not for Him, and found of them that sought Him not. Where it was said they are not my people, there are they called the people of the living God."

THE IMPORTANCE OF OUR WORK.

It is natural for us, on this centennial year of our nation's history, to turn our thoughts to the past, and consider the work we have, through God's grace, been enabled to accomplish.

Though Vermont is but little more than a finger's point on the map of our great American Republic, and grows relatively less every year; though our churches are but as a handful of corn upon the tops of the mountains; though this Society is hardly known beyond our State borders, yet these apparently feeble instrumentalities have each had no mean influence in making our nation what it is. The influence of Vermont, through her sons

and daughters;—the influence of our churches, through the members that have gone out from them; the influence of this Society in keeping alive religious institutions in our agricultural towns, that furnish such numbers of emigrants, has been felt to the remostest extremity of the land. It has penetrated every State, and affected the social, civil, educational and religious condition of every one of them.

According to the last general census, one hundred and seventy-six thousand Vermonters were found in the other States and territories of the Union. One hundred and seventy-six regiments of Vermonters, with their families growing up around them, imbued with the spirit of our mountain air; carrying with them that reverence for God, for the Bible, and the Sabbath, and that regard for human rights, which they have learned around the old hearthstone, in the day and Sunday schools and in the sanctuary, have been, and are to-day, a mighty, conservative, saving power all through the land.

If the few thousands of soldiers that went from these Vermont hills—all honor to them—proved themselves brave men, and rendered an appreciable and effective service in putting down rebellion and preserving the unity of the nation, how much greater have been the victories of peace, won by the one hundred and seventy-six regiments of the sons and daughters of Vermont, in favor of good government, education, morality and religion in all the cities, villages and prairies of our broad country! Their line has gone out through all the land, and their voice to the end of it. They have spoken from the bar, the bench, the pulpit, the professor's chair, and the halls of state and national legislation.

On the Pacific coast, President Marsh, Drs. Geo. H. Atkinson and Israel E. Dwinell are leaders in the educational forces that are shaping the rising empire of the Occident. Drs. Post and Goodell at St. Louis, Healey at New Orleans, Strong of Carlton College, the Smiths at Lane and Dartmouth, Drs. Shedd at New York, Aiken at Princeton, Boardman at Chicago, the Meads at Oberlin and Andover, the Presidents and Professors of our State College and University; Dr. Clark of the American Board,—not to mention other honored names, suggest the moulding power that Vermont has in the interests of education and religion throughout the land.

In civil affairs the names of Silas Wright, Douglas, Phelps, Collamer, Foot, among the dead, and the eighteen Vermonters, now members of our national Congress, representing nearly a dozen different States, express her importance in national affairs.

We speak not these things to inflate our pride, but that we may not despise our birthright, and undervalue the position and the

influence God has given us. We aspire after a field of wide influence. We have it. Every country parish, when well tilled, is such a field. We stand at the very fountain head of great religious and national influences. Our work is to keep these fountains clean. Though they may seem to our short vision very small, yet the waters they send forth in a steady stream will help enrich or make barren all the land. It belongs to us to cast the salt of God's grace into them that they may be pure, and the living streams that flow perennially from them may fertilize the valleys; water, with the mists that rise from them, the hills, and be conveyed in aqueducts to the great cities, carrying with them life and health to the thirsty millions there.

The missionary in the humblest parish in Vermont sits upon a throne, and wields a scepter whose influence, for aught he knows, will be felt to the extremities of the land. A single town in the State, where there never has been any Congregational preaching except through missionary aid, gave birth to Dr. Geo. N. Clark, the Secretary of the American Board, Dr. I. E. Dwinell, of San Francisco, and Dr. C. L. Goodell, of St. Louis. If in *one* town there are possibilities of such a human harvest, such wealth of mind and heart and Christian power, there are possibilities of it in *every* town, and to the faithful laborer who does not despise or neglect his field, but sows his seed in the morning and withholds not his hand at evening, there will surely come a harvest season when he will bring his sheaves with him.

We are to bear in mind, however, that the missionary's influence is not to be estimated alone by the seen good which is effected, but also by the evil prevented. The man who hoes his garden thoroughly prevents a great growth of noxious weeds, even though he may not, every year, secure a bountiful crop. So the faithful preaching of the gospel exerts a mighty restraining influence and prevents a vast deal of evil, even when positive good results cannot be traced. If Joe Smith and Brigham Young, who are Vermont products, had grown up under the careful nurture of some faithful church and minister, and thereby had been kept from the gross errors into which they fell, what a harvest of sin and evil would have been prevented. Any amount of missionary funds, and the labors of several missionaries, would have been well laid out to have saved, by right early influences, those two men from going astray and leading astray so many thousands of souls. But there is not a church, how feeble soever it may be, where the gospel is faithfully preached, that is not doing just this work of preventing evil—of saving men from becoming workers of iniquity. And let the missionary who seems to himself to have

the most discouraging and barren field, take courage and consider that, if he is not at present training up men who are to be eminent examples of wisdom and piety, he may be at least saving society from a crop of Joe Smiths and Brigham Youngs.

But in fields that have been so fruitful in the past of great and good men, with the recent experience of the rich gifts of God's grace upon our smaller parishes, let us not lose our faith in work for God. Let us, as we stand on the threshhold of the second century of our national life, consecrate ourselves, in our missionary work, both to prevent evil and to do good, and make our little State more influential in the coming century on the side of God and truth than has been the case in the past.

In behalf of the Directors,

C. S. SMITH, *Secretary.*

RECEIPTS

OF THE

VT. DOMESTIC MISSIONARY SOCIETY,

For the Year Ending June 17, 1876.

	For Ordinary Department.	For Itinerant Department.	From Itinerant Fields.
ADDISON COUNTY.			
BRISTOL—W. S. Wild	$5 00	$	$
BRIDPORT	62 00		
CORNWALL—$79 32; Cent Society, $21 39	79 32	21 39	
MIDDLEBURY—$82 05; Sabbath School, $10	92 05		
MIDDLEBURY—Ladies' Missionary Society, to constitute Miss Mattie J. Barrows a L. M. of A. H. M. S		65 67	
NEW HAVEN	79 00		
RIPTON	25 00		
SHOREHAM	20 50		
BENNINGTON COUNTY.			
ARLINGTON EAST	14 00		
BENNINGTON—1st Church	41 00		
DORSET	21 00		
MANCHESTER	30 00		
CALEDONIA COUNTY.			
BARNET—To constitute J. S. T. Wallace, A. S. Laughlin and Edwin J. Bonette L. Ms. of the A. H. M. S., and Geo. Batchelder L. M. of V. D. M. S	63 30		
BURKE EAST	10 00		
DANVILLE	28 35		
HARDWICK EAST	13 20		
LYNDON	14 00		
PEACHAM	70 00		
ST. JOHNSBURY EAST—To constitute Mrs. Esther McCarty a L. M. of the A. H. M. S	90 00		
ST. JOHNSBURY NORTH	151 60		
ST. JOHNSBURY NORTH—Hon. Horace Fairbanks	250 00		
ST. JOHNSBURY SOUTH	475 12		
ST. JOHNSBURY SOUTH—Mr. Thaddeus Fairbanks		500 00	
ST. JOHNSBURY—E. & T. Fairbanks & Co	$1,000		
WATERFORD	22 88		
WATERFORD—Miss A. M. Wells (Cape Good Hope)	10 00		
CHITTENDEN COUNTY.			
BURLINGTON—1st Church	106 00		
BURLINGTON—3d Church	85 24		
CHARLOTTE	27 25		
ESSEX JUNCTION	4 00		
UNDERHILL	12 50		
WESTFORD—$15 00; G. B., $2 30	17 30		
WILLISTON	12 00		
ESSEX COUNTY.			
GRANBY	28 35		

FRANKLIN AND GRAND ISLE COUNTIES.	For Ordinary Department.	For Itinerant Department.	From Itinerant Fields.
	$	$	
ALBURGH			146 00
BAKERSFIELD—Dea. A. Dean, to constitute Mrs. Eunice Parker a L. M. of the A. H. M. S.	50 00		
BERKSHIRE EAST	13 30		
ENOSBURGH	17 13		
HIGHGATE	20 00		
ST. ALBANS—1st Church, $216 71; J. G. Slafter, $5 00	221 71		
ST. ALBANS—Mrs. G. Merrill's Sabbath School Class	30 00		
SWANTON—Cent Society		19 00	
FRANKLIN AND GRAND ISLE—Conference		11 25	
LAMOILLE COUNTY.			
JOHNSON	3 00		
MORRISVILLE	22 12		
STOWE—$15 50; Cent Society, $7 20	15 50	7 20	
WATERVILLE	5 00		
WOLCOTT	20 00		
ORANGE COUNTY.			
BRADFORD—To constitute Mrs. Edwin Fuller a L. M. of the A. H. M. S.	35 00		
BRADFORD—Cent Society		27 10	
BRAINTREE			20 43
BRAINTREE EAST			46 52
BROOKFIELD—1st Church	16 65		
BROOKFIELD—2d Church	18 50		
CHELSEA	22 75		
CORINTH	17 00		
NEWBURY	87 75		
NEWBURY WEST	31 00		
ORANGE			377 73
RANDOLPH WEST	22 58		
STRAFFORD—To constitute Royal A. Hatch a L. M. of the A. H. M. S.	30 00		
THETFORD	58 07		
TUNBRIDGE	10 00		
WEST FAIRLEE	20 00		
ORLEANS COUNTY.			
BARTON—Ladies' Missionary Society		14 86	
CHARLESTON WEST	52 75		
COVENTRY	7 70		
CRAFTSBURY	26 00		
GREENSBORO	10 00		
HOLLAND	6 00		
IRASBURGH	25 00		
LOWELL	4 00		
MORGAN	8 50		
NEWPORT	20 38		
TROY NORTH	5 00		
WESTFIELD	8 75		
RUTLAND COUNTY.			
BENSON	5 53		
CLARENDON	17 50		
DANBY	10 00		64 00
FAIR HAVEN	23 05		
MIDDLETOWN	6 50		
PITTSFORD—To constitute John Stevens a L. M. of the A. H. M. S.	38 55		
PITTSFORD—Ladies' Missionary Society		18 50	
PITTSFIELD	11 00		
RUTLAND	163 75		
SUDBURY	18 00		
WALLINGFORD—$30 00 of which from A. W. to constitute Mrs. Clarissa A. Kelley a L. M. of the A. H. M. S.	68 25		
WALLINGFORD—Cent Society			21 30

WASHINGTON COUNTY.	For Ordinary Department.	For Itinerant Department.	From Itinerant Fields.
BARRE	$30 00	$	$
BERLIN	12 00		
BERLIN WEST	25 00		
CABOT	31 35		
MONTPELIER—$87 50; Sabbath School, $13 47	100 97		
NORTHFIELD—$34 32; Ladies' Circle, $10 00	34 32	10 00	
PLAINFIELD—$24 50; Rev. C. Redfield, 20 00	44 50		
ROXBURY	30 00		
WAITSFIELD—To constitute Dea. E. A. Flak a L. M. of the V. D. M.	25 45		
WATERBURY	13 47		
WOODBURY			271 25
WINDHAM COUNTY.			
BRATTLEBORO EAST	150 60		
BRATTLEBORO WEST	63 21		
DUMMERSTON—$39 09; Cent Society, $11 36	39 09	11 36	
FAYETTEVILLE	8 18		
JAMAICA	10 00		
LONDONDERRY—$15 80; Rev. E. C. Birge, $5 00	20 80		
SAXTON'S RIVER—Dr. E. H. Pettengill	8 00		
TOWNSHEND WEST	8 05		
WARDSBORO SOUTH	12 70		
WESTMINSTER	15 35		
WILMINGTON	6 00		
WINDSOR COUNTY.			
ASCUTNEYVILLE—Mrs. O. Gage	2 00		
BETHEL	12 50		
BRIDGEWATER			105 00
CHESTER	13 70		
CHESTER—Cent Society, to constitute Mrs. Julia A. Deming L. M. of the A. H. M. S.		30 00	
HARTFORD	24 26		
HARTLAND	10 00		
LUDLOW	23 62		
NORWICH—$77 33; Cent Society, $8 35	77 33	8 35	
POMFRET	12 75		
SPRINGFIELD—Dea. A. Woolson	500 00		
STOCKBRIDGE	19 00		
WESTON			95
WINDSOR	44 25		
WOODSTOCK—$127 93; Cent Society, $25 00	127 93	25 00	
WINDSOR COUNTY—Conference		8 00	
OTHER RECEIPTS.			
Collection at the Annual Meeting, Bennington	50 47		
State of Maine Bonds	90 00		
State of New Hampshire Bonds	30 00		
Conn. & Pass. Rivers R. R. Bonds	90 00		
U. S. 5-20 Bonds	47 98		
Div. on Conn. & Pass Rivers R. R. Stock	66 00		
Notes and interest	1015 07		
Montpelier Savings Bank	3000 00		
Legacy of Mrs. Betsey Simonds, by M. P. Humphrey, Executor	1000 00		
Estate of Hon. Erastus Fairbanks, by Hons. Horace and Franklin Fairbanks, Executors		500 00	

TREASURER'S REPORT.

J. C. EMERY, *Treasurer*, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE
VERMONT DOMESTIC MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

DEBIT.

To cash in treasury June 14, 1875		$1592 12	
" Legacy		1000 00	
" Collection notes and interest		4167 05	
" Contributions, Ordinary Department		6066 29	
" " Itinerant "		1300 48	
" " Field "		1136 14	
			$15262 08

CREDIT.

By paid Secretary's orders:			
Ordinary Department		$5947 27	
Itinerant "		2109 88	
" Rev. C. S. Smith, salary		1200 00	
" " " " expense account		237 23	
" Printing and distributing Report		161 91	
" Expenses in settling the matter with Wm. Alvord, jr.		29 50	
" Postage and express		7 25	
" Interest		25 83	
" Reinvested		2542 46	
Cash to balance		3000 75	
			$15262 08

MONTPELIER, June 19, 1876.

I have this day examined the foregoing account of J. C. Emery, Treasurer of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society, and find the same correct, proper vouchers being presented for all the charges therein made; and I find a balance of cash in the hands of the said Emery, to be hereafter accounted for, of three thousand dollars and seventy-five cents.

J. A. PAGE, Auditor.

$3000 75.

Invested funds of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society in the hands of J. C. Emery, Treasurer, this day.

Notes secured by mortgage on real estate	$9669 46
State of Maine and New Hampshire bonds	2000 00
U. S. 5-20 bonds	700 00
Conn. & Pass. Rivers R. R. bonds	1500 00
Conn. & Pass. Rivers R. R. stock	2200 00
Montpelier Manufacturing Co. stock	600 00
	$16669 46

June 19, 1876.

J. A. PAGE, Auditor.

ACKNOWLEDGED IN THE AMERICAN HOME MISSIONARY.

Receipts as acknowledged in the American Home Missionary during the year ending May 31, 1876, which have not passed through our treasury.

June, 1875.	GEORGIA, Legacy of Mrs. S. G. Bliss	$12 00
	THETFORD, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Morse	10 00
July	GEORGIA, E. Fairchild and others	22 60
	LUNENBURGH, W. W. G.	1 00
August.	GRAFTON, Mrs. S. B. Pettengill	1 40
	STOWE, Friends	30 00
September.	BELLOWS FALLS	90 05
	PEACHAM, M. V. T	10 00
	SUTTON, on account of Legacy of L. B. Hyde	72 00
November.	BERLIN, on account of Legacy of T. Perrin	346 62
	BERLIN, J. E. Perrin	1 00
	ST. JOHNSBURY, Mrs. H. E. Jones	30 00
	SPRINGFIELD, Frederick Parks	200 00
	" Legacy of Mary Barrett	500 00
	WEYBRIDGE	46 05
December.	BRATTLEBORO, Friends	25 00
	EAST THETFORD, Mrs. Sally B. Child	200 00
	GRAFTON, a Friend	5 00
	NEWBURY, Mrs. E. C. Keyes	30 00
	ST. ALBANS Ladies, freight	5 00
	SOUTH HERO and GRAND ISLE	18 00
	WOODSTOCK Ladies, freight	6 00
January, 1876.	NORTH THETFORD, freight	4 00
	SHOREHAM, Miss J. G. Birchard	10 00
February.	BENNINGTON CENTRE, freight	4 00
	GEORGIA, L. M. Gilbert	50 00
	NEWBURY, Legacy of Phœbe Bagley	1137 41
	NEW HAVEN Ladies, freight	5 00
	PITTSFORD, M. and M. P. Humphrey and wife	12 00
	ST. JOHNSBURY, W. H. W	40
	SWANTON, freight	1 50
	WEST TOWNSHEND, a Friend	5 00
March.	BRATTLEBORO, a Friend	10 00
	JOHNSON	9 25
	LYNDON, Mrs. P. Goss	5 00
	MIDDLEBURY, a Friend	5 00
	NEWBURY, Ladies' Society, freight	5 00
	PEACHAM, Mrs. E. C. Chamberlin	40 00
	STOWE, a Friend	2 25
	WEST RUTLAND Sabbath School	75 00
April.	BROOKFIELD 2d church	24 15
	CASTLETON	41 50
	MIDDLEBURY, on account of Legacy of C. Elmer	250 00
	NEWBURY, Mrs. E. C. Keyes	30 00
	NORTH SPRINGFIELD, C. Haywood	25 00
	SPRINGFIELD, on acct. of Legacy of Mary Barrett	129 00
May.	JOHNSON, Mrs. F. L. Holmes	16 50
	ORWELL	26 73
	SUTHERLAND FALLS, L. Chatterton	24 00
	SWANTON, Eliza Stone	5 00
		$3615 41

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The VERMONT EDUCATION SOCIETY held its Annual Meeting on Wednesday evening, June 21st. After singing and prayer, the Report of the Treasurer was read and adopted.

Brief addresses were given by Rev. Dr. STEVENS, Dea. C. F. THOMPSON, Rev. C. C. TORREY, and Rev. E. P. HOOKER.

The following officers were chosen for the coming year:

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After singing, the Society adjourned.

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Swift, Alfred B.	Enosburgh	A. P.	F. G.	N. W.
Switzer, C. J.	Weston	A. P.	Wr.	..
Tenney, Leonard.	Barre	A. P.	Wn.	M.
Thayer, W. W.	St. Johnsbury	W. C.	Ca.	Ca.
Thompson, C. W.	Danville	P.	Ca.	Ca.
Thyng, John H.	Brattleboro.	W. C.	Wm.	Wm.
Tolman, George B	Brookfield	A. P.	Oe.	Rn.
Torrey, Charles C.	Charlotte	P.	Cn.	Wi.
Torrey, H. A. P.	Burlington	Prof.	Cn.	Wi.
Vaille, T. P.	Orange	A. P.	Oe.	..
Van Norden, C. W.	St. Albans	P.	F. G.	N. W.
Walker, Aldace, D. D.	Wallingford	P.	Rd.	Rd.
Ward, Earl J.	Grafton	P.	Wm.	Wm.
Watson, C. P.	Sheldon	A. P.	..	..
Wells, Moses H.	Lower Waterford.	P.	Ca.	Ca.
Wheeler, Orville G.	South Hero	P.	F. G.	Wi.
Wheeler, S. H.	Waterbury	P.	Wn.	M.
Wheelock Edwin.	Cambridge.	A. P.	Le.	Le.
Wickham, J. D., D. D.	Manchester	W. C.	B.	B.
Wild, Azel W.	Peacham	P.	Ca.	Ca.
Wild, Edward P.	Newport	P.	Os.	Os.
Wilder, J. C.	Charlotte	W. C.	Cn.	Wi.
Willard, Andrew J.	Burlington	W. C.	Cn.	Wi.
Williams, John K.	West Rutland	A. P.	Rd.	Rd.
Williams, R. G.	Castleton	T.	Rd.	Rd.
Winch, Caleb M.	Corinth	A. P.	Oe.	M.
Winchester, W. W.	Bridport	P.	A.	A.
Woodward, J. H.	Milton	A. P.	Cn.	Wi.
Worcester, J. H.	Burlington	W. C.	Cn.	Wi.

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FORM OF A REQUEST.

I give and bequeath to the "General Convention of Universalist Ministers and Churches of Vermont," [illegible] the sum of [illegible] to be applied under its direction to the following purposes:

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ACT OF INCORPORATION.

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

SEC. I. Jonathan Clement, H. F. Leavitt, Aldace Walker, Harvey D. Kitchel, M. H. Buckham, William H. Lord, Charles S. Smith, Alfred Stephens, Joseph Chandler, Joseph Torrey, Julius Converse, Franklin Fairbanks, John A. Page, L. L. Dutcher, James W. Hickok, and their associates, who shall be the members of the General Convention of Congregational Ministers and Churches of Vermont, and which members shall continue such associates for one year from the time of the adjournment of the Convention of which they are members, and till others become members in their stead, are hereby constituted a corporation and body politic by the name of the General Convention of Congregational Ministers and Churches of Vermont; and by that name may sue and be sued; may have a common seal; and shall have all the rights, powers, and privileges of a corporation, for the purpose of receiving, taking care of and managing all funds, property and money which has heretofore, or may hereafter, come to the care, control, management, custody, or ownership of said Convention, or any trustee, officer, or person for said Convention, by whatever form or mode said funds, property, or money may have been, or may hereafter be conveyed, given, transferred, bequeathed or devised to such Convention. or to the denominations of Christians called and known by the name of Congregationalists, or any branch thereof.

SEC. 2. The first meeting of said corporation shall be called by two or more of the persons named in the first section of this act, and which meeting shall be at the time and place of the next General Convention of Congregational Ministers and Churches of Vermont, a notice of which meeting shall be published at least three successive weeks in the *Vermont Chronicle*, published at Windsor, Vermont.

SEC. 3. At said meeting and all other annual meetings of said corporation shall be chosen a president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and five trustees, who shall hold their respective offices one year, and till others are chosen or appointed.

SEC. 4. The President, Vice-President, and Secretary shall respectively perform the offices usually performed by such officers,

and such as may be imposed upon them by the by-laws. The secretary also shall call all meetings under the direction of the trustees, and also when at least three members shall, in writing, request a special meeting to be called. All meetings of the corporation shall be called and notified by publishing the same in one or more newspapers in the State, one of which shall be the *Vermont Chronicle*, unless otherwise ordered by the by-laws of the corporation, or by the trustees. The treasurer, except where otherwise ordered by the corporation, shall receive all moneys, funds, property and assets of every description belonging to, entrusted, or in any way committed to the care or custody of the corporation, and be responsible for the same, and shall disburse, pay over and deliver, as shall from time to time be ordered by the trustees or a majority of them; he shall at least once a year make a full and true statement and report of the financial condition of the corporation, therein designating the kind or class of funds, and for what purpose donated, bequeathed or held; he shall also exhibit all books, vouchers and papers to said trustees whenever requested by them, and shall furnish statements and copies whenever requested by them upon reasonable notice; he shall, if requested by the trustees, give bonds with sufficient sureties to the acceptance of the trustees, for the faithful discharge of his duties as treasurer. Whenever a vacancy shall happen in the office of treasurer, such vacancy shall be supplied by appointment of the trustees, till the next annual meeting of the corporation, or till appointed by vote of the corporation. The trustees shall have the general oversight of the interests and prudential affairs of the corporation; shall see that all funds, moneys, and other property are faithfully preserved, taken care of, and administered as shall be most for the interest of the corporation, and in accordance with the wishes of testators and donors; they shall perform all acts and discharge all duties not assigned to any other officer by the articles of association, or by the by-laws made in pursuance thereof. If any vacancy shall occur in the board of trustees, such vacancy shall be supplied by appointment by the surviving trustees till an election by the corporation.

SEC. 5. At any annual meeting of the corporation, by-laws may be established or altered, not inconsistent with this charter or the laws of this State.

SEC. 6. This act shall be under the control of any future legislature, and shall take effect from its passage.

Approved, November 21, 1872.

Adopted by the Convention, June 18, 1873.

CONSTITUTION.

OBJECT.

ART. 1. The object of the Convention is to promote the harmony, fellowship and efficiency of the churches, and their co-operation in Christian work.

DOCTRINAL STANDARD.

ART. 2. The Convention receives as articles of faith the doctrines of Christianity as they are for substance stated in the Declaration of Faith of the Boston Council of 1865; these doctrines are understood by us to be those which from the beginning have been received by the Congregational Churches of New England.

COMPOSITION OF THE CONVENTION.

ART. 3. Every association of ministers in the State receiving these doctrines is entitled to two delegates in the Convention; each association having eight ordained resident ministers, three delegates; and for every four additional members, an additional delegate. Every County Conference of Churches receiving the same faith is entitled to three delegates, one of whom may be a minister. The minister of the parish where the meeting is held, appointees of the previous meeting who perform the duties assigned them, members of boards appointed by the Convention, and officers of benevolent societies whose annual meetings are held in connection with the meetings of the Convention, shall be members.

OFFICERS.

ART. 4. The officers of the Convention as prescribed by the act of incorporation are a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and five Trustees, to be chosen annually, and to hold their respective offices from the final adjournment of the meeting at which they are chosen to the close of the next annual meeting. There shall also be appointed at each annual meeting, two or more boards of five each, to have the care of funds or any valuable interests entrusted to the Convention for the ensuing year, a Scribe, Assistant Scribe, and an Auditor of the accounts of the Treasurer of the Convention and of the several boards having the management of funds, to serve at and during the meeting at

which they are appointed; and once in five years, commencing with 1875, there shall also be appointed a Corresponding Secretary for the Convention, and Reporters of Statistics, and Receivers of Assessments for the several Conferences of Churches.

DUTIES OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

ART. 5. It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary, at the proper time, to furnish the Reporters with a copy of the schedule prepared for collecting statistics under the direction of the Convention; to arrange the statistical parts of the reports when returned, for publication; and, from the facts reported, to present to the Convention during its session a condensed account of the state and progress of religion in the churches during the year.

DUTIES OF REPORTERS.

ART. 6. It shall be the duty of the Reporters, each for his own Conference, to make report for the year ending January first, agreeably to the blank schedule furnished them. These reports shall be forwarded to the Corresponding Secretary at least two weeks previous to the meeting of the Convention. In case of the absence of any Reporter, the duty of reporting shall devolve on the Register of the Conference.

TIME OF MEETING.

ART. 7. The Convention shall meet annually on the second Tuesday of June, at 2 o'clock P. M.

VACANCIES.

ART. 8. If at any time, or from any cause, the office of Secretary, or of Corresponding Secretary of the Convention shall become vacant, the Chairman of the Board of Trustees shall immediately, by notification of each member in writing, convene the Board at a specified time and place, and, when so met, said Board shall by a majority vote appoint some person to fill the vacancy till the next annual meeting of the Convention or until a new election is made; and any person so appointed shall be a legal officer of the Convention.

AMENDMENTS.

ART. 9. These articles shall not be altered except at an annual meeting and by a vote of two thirds of the members present.

Adopted June 17, 1874.

RULES OF BUSINESS AND ORDER.

1. To facilitate the preparing of the roll, members of the Convention are required to hand their certificates of membership to the Secretary, or to the Minister of the parish, as soon as practicable after reaching the place of meeting. No person shall be enrolled without credentials, unless by vote of the Convention.

2. The annual meeting of the Convention shall be opened with a business session. The President, or in his absence the Vice President, shall take the chair, lead in prayer, call for the reading of the roll, and for the election of a Scribe and Assistant Scribe, when the docket of business prepared by the Secretary shall be read. In the absence of both President and Vice President, the Secretary shall call the meeting to order, and after reading the roll, shall call for the election of a President *pro tempore*, who shall be chosen by ballot, and shall preside till the President or Vice President shall arrive, or till the close of the session.

3. The stated public exercises after the opening of the business session shall be as follows:

Tuesday Evening—Convention Sermon.

Wednesday Morning—Anniversary of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society.

Wednesday Afternoon—Report of the Corresponding Secretary, to be followed by an essay.

Wednesday Evening—Anniversary of the Vermont Education Society, and addresses by representatives of such of our co-operative benevolent societies as the Convention by special vote may admit.

Thursday Morning—Discussion, introduced by the brethren appointed, those opening the discussion being limited to twenty minutes each, and those following to ten minutes each.

Thursday Afternoon—Conclusion of business and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

4. The Committees to be appointed at each meeting are as follows: A Business Committee, through which all business not

provided for in the Docket shall be brought before the Convention. A Nominating Committee, to nominate the officers provided for in the Act of Incorporation and in the Constitution, and the delegates to corresponding bodies. A Finance Committee, to make assessments on the Conferences. A Committee on Devotional Exercises, of which the Minister of the parish shall be the chairman. A Committee of Arrangements for the next annual meeting, whose duty it shall be to recommend the place for such meeting, nominate the preacher and substitute, select topics for the discussion and essay, and nominate persons to open the discussion and prepare the essay, with substitutes for each. These and all other committees, unless the Convention shall otherwise order, are to be nominated by the presiding officer in connection with the Secretary.

5. The meetings of the Convention each morning shall be opened with prayer, when the Scribe shall call the roll of members and read the minutes of the preceding day.

6. The President shall preserve order and decorum in the body, and when he takes part in any discussion, shall leave the chair and address the Secretary.

7. No person shall speak more than twice upon any question, except by unanimous consent and after every other member who desires shall have spoken; and then the mover in the matter pending shall be permitted to speak in reply.

8. Every motion, except for adjournment, shall be reduced to writing if the President or any two members desire it. No motion shall be acted on till seconded.

9. If any member in debating or otherwise shall transgress the rules of order or of propriety, the President shall by his own authority, or at the request of any member, call him to order; and if a question shall arise concerning his being in order, it shall be decided without debate by an appeal to the body.

10. When two or more persons rise to speak at once, the President shall name the one who is first to speak.

11. No motion committed to writing shall be finally decided upon until it shall have had three several readings, if any member calls for it.

12. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received but to adjourn, to lay on the table, for the previous question, to postpone to a stated time, to commit, to amend, or to postpone indefinitely, which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are here arranged. On a motion for ad-

journment, for laying on the table, for indefinite postponement, or for the previous question, there shall be no debate.

13. If the report of a committee contains only matters of fact for information, or of argument for the consideration of the Convention, the question is, *Shall the report be accepted?* And that question, unless superseded by a motion to reject, to recommit, to postpone or to lay on the table, shall be taken *without debate.* Such report, if accepted, is placed upon the files of the Convention, not entered upon the Minutes.

14. If a report is in, or terminates with the form of a vote, resolution, or declaration expressing the judgment or testimony of the Convention, the question shall then be taken on the *adoption* of the report. If adopted, the vote, resolution or declaration is entered on the Minutes.

15. On the report of a Treasurer of a Board of Trustees or Directors, or of a Committee or other agent empowered to act for the Convention, the question is, *Shall the Report be accepted and approved?* which question may be divided if a division is called for.

16. The merits of any subject whose proper reference is to the Business Committee shall not be discussed in Convention until it has been referred to that Committee for consideration and report.

17. Members who may find it necessary to leave before the close of the meeting are expected to give notice of the fact to the President.

18. If it becomes necessary to change the place of the annual meeting, it shall be the duty of the Secretary, in consultation with the President and Vice President, to select a place.

These By-Laws and Rules shall not be subject to alteration except by the consent of two thirds of the members present at an annual meeting.

THE GENERAL CONVENTION.

TIME OF MEETING.

DOCTRINAL STANDARD AND MEMBERSHIP.

THE Convention meets on the second Tuesday of June, annually. Its doctrinal standard is the Declaration of Faith of the Boston Council of 1865. It is constituted as follows:

Every Association in the State holding this faith may send two delegates, and if it has eight ordained resident ministers, it may send three, and an additional delegate for every additional four members. Every County Conference of like faith may send three delegates, one of whom may be a minister. The Permanent Officers of the Convention, the Preacher, Minister of the Parish where the Convention is held, Appointees of the previous meeting who perform the duties assigned them, Members of Boards appointed by the Convention, and Officers of Benevolent Societies whose annual meetings are held in connection with the meetings of the Convention, are Members *ex-officiis*. The officers of the Convention are chosen annually except the Corresponding Secretary, who is elected for five years, the next election being in 1880. The Vermont Domestic Missionary Society and the Vermont Education Society hold their Anniversaries in connection with the meeting of this Convention.

OFFICERS, COMMITTEES,

AND

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE NEXT ANNUAL MEETING.

OFFICERS OF THE GENERAL CONVENTION.

President—D. M. CAMP, Esq., Newport.

Vice President—Rev. G. B. SAFFORD, Burlington.

Secretary—Rev. C. H. MERRILL, West Brattleboro.

Corresponding Secretary—Rev. P. S. PRATT, Dorset.

Treasurer—J. C. EMERY, Esq., Montpelier.

Trustees—THADDEUS FAIRBANKS, Esq., Rev. ALDACE WALKER, D. D., Hon. JOHN A. PAGE, Rev. A. STEVENS, D. D., and JAMES W. HICKOK, Esq.

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES.

Fairbanks Board of Education—Rev. E. T. FAIRBANKS, Rev. ALDACE WALKER, D. D., Rev. HENRY FAIRBANKS, J. C. EMERY, Esq., Rev. C. W. THOMPSON.

Fairbanks Board for the Relief of Ministers—THADDEUS FAIRBANKS, Esq., J. G. STIMSON, Esq., Dea. C. F. THOMPSON, Rev. E. P. HOOKER, Dea. CHARLES WYMAN.

DELEGATES TO OTHER BODIES.

To Vermont M. E. Conference.—Rev. L. W. HICKS. Substitute, Rev. S. J. BRIANT.

To Vermont Baptist Convention—Rev. E. J. RANSLOW. Substitute, Rev. C. C. TORREY.

To F. W. Baptist Yearly Meeting—Rev. J. H. BABBITT. Substitute, Rev. W. S. HAZEN.

REPORTERS AND RECEIVERS.

Addison Conference—Rev. E. P. Hooker; *Bennington Conference*—Rev. L. C. Partridge; *Caledonia Conference*—Rev. C. W. Thompson; *Chittenden Conference*—Rev. C. C. Torrey; *Essex Conference*—Rev. C. Duren; *Franklin and Grand Isle Conference*—Rev. A. B. Swift; *Lamoille Conference*—Rev. V. M. Hardy; *Orange Conference*—Rev. S. L. Bates; *Orleans Conference*—Rev. E. P. Wild; *Rutland Conference*—Rev. R. T. Hall; *Washington Conference*—Rev. W. S. Hazen; *Windham Conference*—Rev. N. F. Carter; *Windsor Conference*—Rev. C. W. Clark.

NEXT ANNUAL MEETING.

Place—Rutland, June 11, 1878.

Preacher—Rev. G. L. Walker, D. D. Substitute, Rev. E. T. Fairbanks.

Discussion—The Lesson to be learned from Revivals and Revivalists. Primaries, Rev. E. G. Read, Rev. E. J. Ranslow. Substitutes, Rev. E. P. Wild, Rev. W. S. Hazen.

Essay—The Infrequency of the Pastoral Relation—its Evils and Remedies. Primary, Rev. C. Van Norden. Substitute, Rev. S. P. Wilder.

Committee on Resolutions on Terminating Church Membership—Rev. C. S. Smith, Rev. R. T. Hall, Rev. C. W. Thompson.

OFFICERS OF THE VERMONT DOMESTIC MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

President—Hon. FRANKLIN FAIRBANKS, St. Johnsbury.

Vice President—Rev. C. B. HULBERT, D. D., Middlebury.

Secretary—Rev. C. S. SMITH, Montpelier.

Treasurer—J. C. EMERY, Esq., Montpelier.

OFFICERS OF THE EDUCATION SOCIETY.

President—M. H. BUCKHAM, D. D., Burlington.

Vice Presidents—Rev. C. B. HULBERT, D. D., and Rev. H. T. FULLER.

Secretary—Rev. A. B. SWIFT, Enosburgh.

Treasurer—Dea. C. F. THOMPSON, Brattleboro.

MINUTES.

THE GENERAL CONVENTION OF CONGREGATIONAL MINISTERS AND CHURCHES OF VERMONT met with the Congregational Church of Bradford, June 19, 1877.

At 10 o'clock A. M., Rev. E. G. READ led the Convention in a service of prayer and praise.

At 11 o'clock, the opening sermon was preached by Rev. G. B. SAFFORD, from 1 Corinthians xii: 11.

The Vice President, D. M. CAMP, Esq., called the Convention to order and offered prayer.

The Acting Secretary, Rev. C. H. MERRILL, then read the roll of delegates who had presented their credentials, the names of members *ex-officiis*, and the docket of business.

The following delegates presented their credentials and were enrolled as members:

Addison Association—Rev. W. N. BACON.

Bennington Association—Rev. E. G. READ, Rev. L. C. PARTRIDGE.

Caledonia Association—Rev. H. W. JONES, Rev. N. R. NICHOLS, Rev. A. W. WILD, Rev. J. P. HUMPHREY.

Lamoille Association—

Montpelier Association—Rev. W. SCOFIELD, Rev. N. F. COBLEIGH, Rev. W. S. HAZEN, Rev. J. F. STONE.

North-Western Association—Rev. A. B. SWIFT, Rev. C. VAN NORDEN.

Orange Association—Rev. S. MCKEEN, D. D., Rev. A. B. LYON, Rev. E. J. RANSLOW.

Orleans Association—Rev. F. B. PHELPS, Rev. J. A. KALEY, Rev. C. B. THOMAS, Rev. E. P. WILD, Rev. AUSTIN DODGE.

Royalton Association—Rev. BEZALEEL SMITH, Rev. E. B. CHAMBERLAIN.

Rutland Association—Rev. C. GRANGER, Rev. J. R. CHALMERS, Rev. S. P. WILDER, Rev. J. K. WILLIAMS.

White River Association - Rev. L. W. HICKS.

Windham Association.—Rev. G. L. WALKER, D. D., Rev. P. F. BARNARD, Rev. N. F. CARTER, Rev. A. B. EMMONS.

Windsor Association—

Winooski Association—Rev. C. E. FERRIN, Rev. A. D. BARBER.

Addison Conference—

Bennington Conference—

Caledonia Conference—Rev. M. A. GATES.

Chittenden Conference—Rev. J. H. WOODWARD, Dr. L. C. BUTLER, Dea. WILLIAM MILLER.

Essex Conference—Rev. G. A. PERKINS, Bro. N. B. BEACH.

Franklin and Grand Isle Conference—Rev. J. H. BABBITT, Bro. T. P. BAKER, Bro. J. M. DEAN.

Lamoille Conference—Rev. J. A. BATES, Dea. C. FRENCH, Bro. O. H. COOKE.

Orange Conference—Rev. C. F. MORSE, Bro. J. B. BACON, Bro. MATT BRYANT.

Orleans Conference—Rev. G. S. BUTLER.

Rutland Conference—Rev. J. G. JOHNSON, Dea. WILLIS BENSON, Bro. C. M. WINSLOW.

Washington Conference—Rev. S. H. WHEELER, Bro. O. D. EDGERTON, Dea. S. B. GALE.

Windham Conference—Rev. L. G. CHASE, Bro. W. H. BIGELOW.

Windsor Conference—Rev. C. B. DRAKE, D. D., Dea. JOHN DUTTON.

MEMBERS EX-OFFICIIS.

Vice President—D. M. Camp, Esq.

Acting Secretary—Rev. C. H. Merrill.

Corresponding Secretary—Rev. P. S. Pratt.

Treasurer—J. C. Emery, Esq.

Preacher—Rev. G. B. Safford.

Minister of the Parish—Rev. L. H. Elliot.

Primary in Discussion—Rev. L. O. Brastow.

Secretary of the Vt. Dom. Missionary Society—Rev. C. S. Smith.

Director of the Vt. Dom. Missionary Society—Rev. S. W. Dike.

Secretary of the Vt. Education Society—Rev. Austin Hazen.

Director of the Vt. Education Society—Rev. C. Duren.

Sunday School Secretary—Rev. R. T. Hall.

Trustees of the Convention—Rev. A. Stevens, D. D., Thaddeus Fairbanks, Esq.

Fairbanks Board of Education—Rev. E. T. Fairbanks, Rev. Henry Fairbanks, Rev. C. W. Thompson.

Fairbanks Board for the Relief of Ministers—J. G. Stimson, Esq., Dea. C. F. Thompson.

Delegate from Vermont M. E. Conference—Rev. P. Merrill.

Appointees of last meeting—Rev. R. T. Searle, Rev. E. T. Hooker.

The Convention elected Rev. A. B. Emmons, *Scribe*. Rev. L. C. Partridge, *Assistant Scribe*, and Dea. J. M. Haven, *Auditor of Accounts*.

The hours of meeting were fixed, as follows: at 9 A. M., 2 P. M., and 7: 30 P. M.; hours of adjournment 12 M. and 5 P. M.

The Convention adjourned until 2 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Opened with prayer by Rev. A. Stevens, D. D.

The President nominated the following Committees, which were elected:

Committee on Business—Rev. A. W. Wild, Rev. A. Stevens, D. D., Rev. W. S. Hazen.

Committee on Devotional Exercises—Rev. L. H. Elliot, Rev. J. K. Williams, Rev. A. B. Swift.

Committee of Arrangements for Next Meeting—Rev. J. G. Johnson, Rev. J. H. Babbitt, Rev. G. B. Safford, Rev. F. B. Phelps, Dea. Willis Benson.

Committee on Nominations—Rev. J. H. Woodward, Rev. S. W. Dike, Rev. P. F. Barnard.

Committee on Finance—W. H. Bigelow, Dr. L. C. Butler, Dea. C. F. Thompson.

Committee to nominate Delegates to National Council—Dea. C. F. Thompson, Rev. E. G. Read, Rev. W. N. Bacon.

In consequence of his removal from the State, Rev. J. Chandler sent in his resignation of the office of Secretary of the Conven-

tion. The resignation was accepted, and a vote of thanks was tendered to the brother for his faithful services.

After singing, Rev. P. S. Pratt, Corresponding Secretary, presented his report, after which the Convention sang, "O for a thousand tongues to sing," and prayer was offered by Rev. C. B. Drake, D. D.

Rev. Dr. C. B. Drake was appointed to prepare a suitable memorial of the late Rev. Samuel Delano, for publication in the Minutes.

It was voted that the report of the Corresponding Secretary be accepted and published in the Minutes.

Rev. L. H. Elliot, delegate to the Vermont Methodist Episcopal Conference reported; after which, Rev. P. Merrill, delegate from the same Conference, presented the salutations of that body.

On motion, it was voted that the Directors of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society and the Vermont Education Society, according to the reading of the Constitution, are members of the Convention, and shall be so regarded.

The following report was presented and accepted:

SUSTENTATION FUND,

In account with C. F. THOMPSON, *Treasurer.*

CREDIT.

By balance on hand, June, 1876		$20 64	
" received from 1st church, St. Albans		31 13	
" " " Mrs. T. Merrill		100 00	
" " " north church, St. Johnsbury		52 74	
			$204 51

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July.	To paid S. K. B. Perkins, in full	$52 00	
"	" " H. Cummings	100 00	
Aug.	" " A. C. Field	50 00	
Sept.	" cash sent to Vt. Dom. Miss. Society, to balance	2 51	
			$204 51

Attest, C. F. THOMPSON, *Treasurer.*

June 18, 1877.

On motion, the *Constitution* and *Rules of Business and Order* of the Convention were referred to the Business Committee for revision.

The Convention adjourned.

EVENING SESSION.

Opened with singing, followed by prayer by Rev. Dr. G. L. Walker.

The Business Committee, to whom was referred the report of the Committee appointed last year to arrange for the printing of "five hundred copies of the minutes of the General Convention from 1795 to 1810, inclusive," presented the following recommendations concerning the distribution of the same, which were adopted.

The Committee recommend the sending of one copy to the Congregational House, Boston, to each of the College Libraries in the State, to the State Library, and to the Library of Vermont Historical Society, and one copy to the clerk of each Congregational Church in the State, and to any pastor of the State who may apply in person; and the remainder to be in charge of the Secretary of the Convention for such use and distribution as may be hereafter ordered, or may seem to him judicious.

The Committee to nominate delegates to the National Council, presented their report, which was adopted as follows: Rev. G. L. Walker, D. D.; alternate, Rev. C. B. Hulbert. Rev. J. G. Johnson; alternate, Rev. W. W. Winchester. Hon. Franklin Fairbanks; alternate, James W. Hickok, Esq.

The Fairbanks Board of Education presented the following report, which was accepted and approved:

FAIRBANKS EDUCATION BOARD.

The Treasurer charges himself with

Balance on hand, June 1, 1876	$525 17	
Interest on Investments	637 51	
Premium on bonds sold	45 37	
		$1,208 05

And credits himself with

Paid orders of students aided	$990 00	
Paid for printing	15 00	
Balance carried to new account	203 05	
		$1,208 05

As required once in five years, the Fairbanks Education Board, having personally examined, report that of the funds committed to their care, $5,700 is loaned to the University of Vermont, at six per cent., and secured by a mortgage of the college grounds, be-

ing some twenty-eight acres in the city of Burlington; $3,000 is loaned to James M. Ellsworth, at nine per cent., and secured by a first mortgage of a farm of one hundred and sixty acres, with buildings, in Mason Co., Ill., and $1,300 is loaned to Carl Reinhart, at nine per cent., and secured by a first mortgage of a farm of eighty acres, with buildings, in Livingston Co., Ill.

We are confident that each investment is upon "the security of unencumbered real estate, worth, at least, twice the amount secured thereon, exclusive of buildings."

Of our aided students, one has given up study on account of his health. Three in college have been dropped from our list. Three remain from last year. Five have been accepted during the year, and one other has received a special appropriation. Thirteen in all have been aided during a part or the whole of the year.

EDWARD T. FAIRBANKS, *Chairman.*
HENRY FAIRBANKS, *Treasurer.*

After an anthem by the choir, the Discussion on Methods of Terminating Church Membership, was opened by Rev. L. O. Brastow and Rev. C. Van Norden, and continued by Rev. G. L. Walker, D. D., Rev. Henry Fairbanks, and Dea. C. F. Thompson.

Rev. Dr. Walker presented the following resolutions:

First.—That membership in a Congregational church involves a covenant between the individual member and the church with which he is united, and that by virtue of that covenant, the member is responsible to the church for his obedience to the law of Christ, and that the church is responsible for him until the church, by some formal act, declares the dissolution of the relationship.

Second.—That the formal *action* by which the dissolution of church relationship is to be declared may reasonably vary, according to the nature of its cause. Open and public offenders, if unrepentant, are to be openly and publicly excommunicated; the troubled and perhaps ignorant, who find themselves convinced of mistake in having supposed themselves possessors of Christian experience, may be, without censure, relieved from the bonds of an outward obligation which they feel that they cannot inwardly fulfill; while from persistent *absentees* of whom, after due inquiry, the church can hear little or nothing, fellowship may be withdrawn by the dropping of their names from the roll, on the ground at once of their neglect and the impossibility of the church's fulfillment of its obligation toward them.

Third.—That all cases which seem to look toward the necessity of a terminated relationship between an individual and a church, should be made the subject of earnest and prayerful consideration, in order, if possible, to avert such a result by the reclamation of the erring one.

Pending the discussion of these resolutions, the Convention adjourned.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

A prayer meeting, held at 6 A. M., was conducted by Rev. E. T. Fairbanks.

The Convention met for business at 8: 30 A. M.

After singing, prayer was offered by Rev. P. F. Barnard.

The roll was called, and the Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The Sunday School Secretary, Rev. R. T. Hall, presented his report, which was accepted and referred to the Committee on Printing.

On motion of Rev. R. T. Hall, the office of Sunday School Secretary was discontinued, and the duties heretofore performed by him were transferred to the Corresponding Secretary.

The Business Committee, to whom the revision of the *Constitution* and of the *Rules of Business and Order* was referred, reported amendments, which were adopted, as follows:

AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION.

Article 7 to be so amended as to read as follows: "The Convention shall meet annually on the second Tuesday of June, at two o'clock, P. M."

A new article, numbered 8, to be inserted as follows: "If, at any time or from any cause, the office of Secretary, or of Corresponding Secretary, of the Convention shall become vacant, the chairman of the Board of Trustees shall immediately, by notification of each member in writing, convene the Board at a specified time and place, and when so met, said Board shall by a majority vote appoint some person to fill the vacancy till the next annual meeting of the Convention, or until a new election is made; and any person so appointed shall be a legal officer of the Convention.

That the article now numbered 8 be, after the insertion of the foregoing, numbered 9.

AMENDMENTS TO RULES OF BUSINESS AND ORDER.

Article 2 to be amended thus: "The annual meeting of the Convention shall open with a business session," &c.

Article 3 shall read as follows:

"The stated public exercises after the opening business session shall be as follows: *Tuesday evening*, Convention sermon; *Wednesday morning*, Anniversary of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society; *Wednesday afternoon*, Report of the Corresponding Secretary, to be followed by an essay; *Wednesday evening*, Anniversary of the Vermont Education Society, and addresses by representatives of such of our co-operating Benevolent Societies as the Convention by special vote may admit; *Thursday morning*, Dis-

cussion, introduced by the brethren appointed, those opening the discussion being limited to twenty minutes each, and those following to ten minutes each; *Thursday afternoon*, Conclusion of business and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper."

A new article, numbered 16, to be inserted as follows: 'The merits of any subject whose proper reference is to the Business Committee shall not be discussed in Convention until it has been referred to that Committee for consideration and report." (*Vide* Constitution and Rules, pp. 5, 7.)

The Convention adjourned for the annual meeting of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

The sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered by Rev. Silas McKeen, D. D., and Rev. Geo. L. Walker, D. D.

The resolutions of Rev. Dr. Walker on "Methods of Terminating Church Membership," were taken up, and referred to a committee of five, appointed by the President, as follows: Rev. G. B. Safford, Rev. Henry Fairbanks, Rev. E. G. Read, Rev. P. F. Barnard, Rev. J. H. Babbitt.

At 3: 30 P. M., Rev. C. S. Smith read an Essay on "Systematic Beneficence," which, by subsequent vote, was ordered to be published in the Minutes.

On recommendation of the Business Committee, a Standing Committee of five, to take into consideration the needs of the VERMONT CHRONICLE, and to report at this and the next meeting of the Convention, was appointed by the President, as follows: Rev. C. W. Thompson, Rev. C. S. Smith, Rev. G. B. Safford, Rev. E. T. Fairbanks, Dea. C. F. Thompson.

Adjourned for a meeting of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society.

After which the Convention came to order, and Rev. J. H. Woodward, for the Committee on Nominations, reported a list of officers for the ensuing year, which was adopted, as follows:

President—D. M. CAMP, ESQ.
Vice President—REV. G. B. SAFFORD.
Secretary—REV. C. H. MERRILL.
Treasurer—J. C. EMERY, ESQ.

Trustees—THADDEUS FAIRBANKS, Esq., Rev. A. WALKER, D. D., Hon. JOHN A. PAGE, Rev. A. STEVENS, D. D., JAMES W. HICKOK, Esq.

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES.

Fairbanks Board of Education—Rev. E. T. FAIRBANKS, Rev. A. WALKER, D. D., Rev. HENRY FAIRBANKS, J. C. EMERY, Esq., Rev. C. W. THOMPSON.

Fairbanks Board for the Relief of Ministers—THADDEUS FAIRBANKS, Esq., J. G. STIMSON, Esq., Dea. C. F. THOMPSON, Rev. E. P. HOOKER, Dea. CHARLES WYMAN.

DELEGATES TO OTHER BODIES.

To Vermont M. E. Conference—Rev. L. W. HICKS. Substitute, Rev. S. I. BRIANT.

To Vermont Baptist Convention—Rev. E. J. RANSLOW. Substitute, Rev. C. C. TORREY.

To F. W. Baptist Yearly Meeting—Rev. J. H. BABBITT. Substitute, Rev. W. S. HAZEN.

REPORTERS AND RECEIVERS.

Addison Conference—Rev. E. P. Hooker; *Bennington Conference*—Rev. L. C. Partridge; *Caledonia Conference*—Rev. C. W. Thompson; *Chittenden Conference*—Rev. C. C. Torrey; *Essex Conference*—Rev. C. Duren; *Franklin and Grand Isle Conference*—Rev. A. B. Swift; *Lamoille Conference*—Rev. V. M. Hardy; *Orange Conference*—Rev. S. L. Bates; *Orleans Conference*—Rev. E. P. Wild; *Rutland Conference*—Rev. R. T. Hall; *Washington Conference*—Rev. W. S. Hazen; *Windham Conference*—Rev. N. F. Carter; *Windsor Conference*—Rev. C. W. Clark.

The Treasurer of the Fairbanks Board for the Relief of Ministers and Relief of Widows and Orphans, presented the following report, which was accepted and approved:

FAIRBANKS FUND FOR RELIEF OF MINISTERS,

In account with J. G. STIMSON, *Treasurer.*

1876.	CREDIT.	
June 22.	By bal. in treasury as per Auditor's report	$1,039 24
Oct. 16.	By interest on Tennessee Bonds.	165 00
1877.		
Jan. 22.	By church in Peacham, for wid. & orphans.	11 57
Mar. 7.	By interest on note of E. C. Walker, (Detroit, Mich).....	110 50

April	2.	By interest on note of J. Somerville.....	$180 00
	6.	By interest on note of J. Bass.....	180 00
		By interest on note of Prof. C. F. Emerson	90 00
May	23.	By 3d ch. Burlington, for wid. and orphans.	12 50
June.		By interest on moneys.....	27 00
			$1,815 81

DEBIT.

		To appropr'ns to nine clergymen.	$1,125 00
		To " three widows...	225 00
		To paid expenses the last 2 years.	10 38
June	19.	Balance in treasury.....	455 43
			$1,815 81

J. G. STIMSON, *Treasurer.*

Over due interest belonging to the balance in treasury....$340 00

The fund consists as follows:

P. Boardman.....	$1,000 00	with	interest	from	March 29, 1875.
J. Granger.....	1,100 00	"	"	"	April 1, 1875.
J. Bass.....	3,000 00	"	"	"	April 1, 1777.
Thos. & S. Kennedy.	1,300 00	"	"	"	Nov. 21, 1875.
Chas. F. Emerson..	1,500 00	"	"	"	April 1, 1877.
J. Somerville.	3,000 00	"	"	"	April 1, 1877.
J. Weimister.....	3,000 00	"	"	"	March 1, 1877.
	$13,900 00				

J. G. STIMSON, *Treasurer.*

Norwich, June 19, 1877.

I have this day examined the accounts of J. G. Stimson, Treasurer, and find them correct, proper vouchers for all disbursements, and a balance of four hundred and fifty-five $^{45}/_{100}$ dollars in his hands.

J. M. HAVEN, *Auditor.*

Bradford, June 19, 1877.

The Report of the Treasurer was presented and approved, as follows:

J. C. EMERY, *Treasurer, in account with the General Convention of Ministers and Churches of Vermont.*

DEBIT.

1876.					
June	19.	To cash on hand.....			$91 75
	21.	"	Lamoille Conference	$9 00	
		"	Franklin & Grand Isle Con..	20 00	
		"	Addison Conference.... ..	28 00	
	28.	"	Rutland Conference.....	36 00	
Sept.	24.	"	Windham Conference.....	40 00	
Dec.	15.	"	Addison Conference....,..	7 19	
1877.					
Feb.	23.	"	Windsor Conference.....	50 00	
June	7.	"	Washington Conference....	28 00	
	14.	"	Addison Conference.....	4 81	
	19.	"	Chittenden Conference....	32 00	
		"	Orange Conference.....	42 00	
		"	Rutland Conference.....	42 00	

June 20.	To cash Franklin & Grand Isle Con.	$25 00		
	" Essex Conference.....	5 00		
	" Caledonia Conference.....	30 00		
	" Bennington Conference....	20 00		
				$510 75
	Balance due treasury.....			44 35
				$555 10
1876.	CREDIT.			
July 22.	By paid J. & J. M. Poland....	$200 00		
Aug. 19.	By paid " " "	233 97		
1877.				
June 7.	By paid " " "	96 20		
	By paid " " "	3 93		
				$534 10
15.	By paid packing and distributing Minutes of Convention.....	$12 00		
	By paid Rev. P. B. Fisk.....	5 00		
				17 00
	By paid Rev. C. H. Merrill.....	$1 75		
	By paid Rev. P. S. Pratt, postage...	1 00		
	By paid Rev. R. T. Hall, S. S. Sec...	1 25		
				4 00
				$555 10

I have this day examined the accounts of J. C. Emery, Esq., Treasurer, and find them correct, the payments properly vouched for, and a balance of forty-four $^{86}/_{100}$ due him.

J. M. HAVEN, *Auditor.*

Bradford, June 20, 1877.

The Committee on Finance made the following report of assessments, which was adopted:

ASSESSMENTS.

Addison Conference.....	$38
Bennington Conference.....	20
Caledonia Conference.....	45
Chittenden Conference.....	32
Essex and Coos Conference.....	4
Franklin and Grand Isle Conference.....	25
Lamoille Conference.....	10
Orange Conference.....	42
Orleans Conference.....	28
Rutland Conference.....	41
Washington Conference.....	30
Windham Conference.....	38
Windsor Conference.....	47
	$400

W. H. BIGELOW,
L. C. BUTLER,
C. F. THOMPSON,
} *Committee.*

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the statistical year of the Convention hereafter be made to coincide with the calendar year, and that reports from the churches next year be from Jan. 1, 1877, to Jan. 1, 1878.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

Convention met at 7 oclock.

Prayer was offered by Rev. E. S. Huntress.

The Committee to whom were referred Dr. G. L. Walker's "Resolutions on Terminating Church Membership" presented the following:

Resolved, First—That since the ground of fitness for the fellowship of the church is the recognized fact of one's fellowship with the Lord, therefore the church should withdraw fellowship from any member who has evidently or confessedly no communion with its Head, after most earnest effort according to scriptural directions to bring him to fitness for church membership.

Second—That "excommunication" means, in our polity, simply the withdrawal of church fellowship, from whatever cause; that it is not to be regarded as penal, and implies no more of blameworthiness than inheres in the cause specified; and that therefore, the term itself should be relieved from the odium attached to it by Romish association.

Third—That there should be the utmost care constantly exercised by every church to maintain communication with its absent members, and to find those who are missing, as required by its obligations of covenant toward them, even though their not having been heard from may imply unfaithfulness on their part, and the refusal of those who can be reached to attend to the summons of the church, is to be regarded as a clear violation of covenant.

These resolutions were discussed by Rev. G. L. Walker, D. D., Rev. E. T. Hooker, and Rev. Henry Fairbanks.

On motion, the discussion was arrested, and the Convention gave way for the annual meeting of the Vermont Education Society: after which it was addressed by Rev. Lewis Grout, of the American Missionary Association, and by Rev. J. G. Johnson in behalf of the American Board.

It was voted that Rev. A. D. Barber, the Corresponding Secretary, and the Scribe of the Convention, be appointed a Committee to publish the Minutes of the meeting, and that the usual number be printed.

The discussion of the "Resolutions on Terminating Church Membership" was resumed by Rev. J. G. Johnson, Rev. A. Ste-

vens, D. D., Rev. G. B. Safford, Rev. C. Granger, and Rev. A. D. Barber.

After which, on motion of Rev. Dr. G. L. Walker, all the resolutions on this subject were referred to a Committee of three, to report next year; and it was voted that the Committee on Arrangements for the next meeting nominate the above Committee.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY MORNING.

Prayer meeting at 6 A. M., conducted by Rev. E. S. Huntress.

Convention met at 8 A. M.

Prayer was offered by Rev. A. D. Barber. The roll was called, and the Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The Committee of Arrangements for the next meeting presented their report, which was adopted, as follows:

Place—Rutland.

Preacher—Rev. G. L. Walker, D. D.

Substitute—Rev. E. T. Fairbanks.

Discussion—The Lessons to be learned from Revivals and Revivalists. Primaries, Rev. E. G. Read, Rev. E. J. Ranslow; Substitutes, Rev. E. P. Wild, Rev. W. S. Hazen.

Essay—The Infrequency of the Pastoral Relation—its Evils and Remedies. Primary, Rev. C. Van Norden. Substitute, Rev. S. P. Wilder.

Committee on "Resolutions on Terminating Church Membership"—Rev. C. S. Smith, Rev. R. T. Hall, Rev. C. W. Thompson.

Rev. E. T. Fairbanks offered the following, which was adopted:

This Convention, acknowledging the long and important services of Rev. Dr. ALDACE WALKER, in its deliberations, extends to him now its warmest Christian greetings and sympathies, and our prayer for him is, "May the Lord of Peace himself give you peace always by all means."—2 Thess. iii: 16.

On motion of Rev. W. N. Bacon, it was

Resolved, That in view of the rich spiritual blessings attending the labors of the "Gospel Workers," as mentioned in the report of the Corresponding Secretary, we do hereby express our continued confidence in them, and bid them welcome to our churches.

The following resolution, presented by the Business Committee, was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That our hearty thanks be presented to the people of Bradford for the bounty of their hospitality; to the choir for their

aid in the services of praise; and to the several Railroads for their reduction of fare to the members at this meeting of the Convention.

The Committee on *The Vermont Chronicle*, through Rev. C. W. Thompson, presented a report, which was accepted and adopted, as follows:

Impressed with the great importance of a State religious paper, to sustain our church work and reach all our families, we again commend the VERMONT CHRONICLE to our churches as worthy of their continued confidence; and we also urge both ministers and laymen to write for its columns and make efforts for its more general circulation.

The Committee give these hints of *Methods of aiding the Chronicle:*

First—By extending its circulation. If it is needed at all by the churches, the larger its circulation, the more effectually it meets the demand for its existence.

Second—By writing for its columns.

Third—By sending items of interest from the churches. Such intelligence interests not only the church from which it emanates, but also all the sister churches.

Fourth—Business men can help materially by sending advertising for its columns.

Rev. E. T. Hooker read an Essay on "What the Sunday School might be;" which, on motion, was requested for publication in the *Vermont Chronicle.*

Rev. C. Van Norden presented the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That this Convention declares its intense interest in all wise measures having in view the furtherance of the cause of temperance, and that it advises the churches of Vermont to give all possible sympathy and assistance to those who are engaged in the Reform movement.

On motion, the Scribe was authorized to complete the Minutes.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Dr. McKeen.

After singing the doxology, the benediction was pronounced by Rev. C. Van Norden, and the Convention adjourned.

D. M. CAMP, *President*,

A. B. EMMONS, *Scribe.*

L. C. PARTRIDGE, *Assistant Scribe.*

REPORT

OF THE

STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

We came together in convention last year, and largely also the year previous, rejoicing, bringing our sheaves with us. The prominent theme of discourse was revival. From every section of the state and from a very large proportion of the churches, there was echoed and re-echoed the inspiring message, the Lord hath done great things for us – and *us*—and *us*—whereof we are glad. Again our anniversary week comes round ; we meet again to tell and hear of our affairs and fresh experiences—and almost our first inquiry will be, Does the great work of salvation still go on ; shall this, too, be counted as a revival year ? More suitably still perhaps the question should take this form : What are the present results of the reviving of the past two years ? Does this year of testing and development satisfactorily demonstrate the genuineness, the permanency of that extensive religious interest ? If a two months' revival is significant of anything of real value, it is of a new prosperity only just begun, of the restoring of a spiritual health which is to retain its freshness and vigor for years, of a purer and higher character on the part of the church, as a light shining more and more in holy living and good works through its period of earthly service. The new strawberry vines we planted in May give us some reward for our pains if their kindly white blossoms begin to appear this June, and a few red berries mature and invite the plucking—but the test of real value of these plants and of successful culture is the full, rich yield which is to come to our tables next year and the year following. And so of our recent zealous and joyful work in the garden of the Lord, we shall know it to be of permanent advantage, when these plants of righteousness shall appear "as a tree planted by the waters, and that spreadeth out the roots by the river, and shall not see when the heat cometh, but his leaf shall be green ; and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit."

The questions thus asked with an eager solicitude to-day may, if we mistake not, be answered with a good degree of emphasis in the affirmative. We will review some of the reports which have been brought to us as bearing both upon the spiritual refreshings which have been enjoyed, and upon other points connected with the welfare of the churches:

ADDISON CONFERENCE

again reports a year of marked religious prosperity. Several of the churches rejoice in refreshings from the presence of the Lord. *Bridport* was thus favored during the winter, the gospel workers rendering a very useful service for two weeks. The work was a good one—many were converted. The church and community still feel its blessed influence, its fruits appearing in many ways besides in actual and prospective additions to the church. *New Haven* also has again been blessed, specially during the Week of Prayer, when the young people, particularly of the academy, were awakened, and many sought and found the Saviour. Twenty-five have made profession, and a few more will probably do so; and these young Christians seem to be doing well. In *Orwell*, there were also gospel meetings, with excellent results, the church being much quickened thereby. Then the church and pastor continued meetings for many weeks. A meeting was inaugurated in an irreligious out-district, where Bible readings and other services were held with direct reference to the conversion of the people. Many were converted and have identified themselves with Christ. This interest in Orwell seems characterized by great thoroughness. Ten have already united with the church. In *Shoreham* there was an increasing spiritual interest last autumn, gaining in power early in the winter. Help was afforded by the Christian Association for eight days, after which the meetings were continued for eight weeks, till the bad going in the spring. Indeed, this late revival influence seemed but to go on with the refreshing enjoyed eight years ago, the effects of which have been newly and repeatedly shown all along since that time in the unabated interest of social meetings, and the inspiring influence of prayer and gospel songs. Lips once abandoned to the discourse which comes from an evil heart are now consecrated by a holy profession and made effective in leading others into the love of Jesus. *Salisbury* has received grace from above, and fifteen have been added to the church. *Middlebury* holds its own in spiritual life, the happy results of recent revivals being quite manifest. Though the additions to the churches of this Conference by profession are not as many as last year, yet the advance has probably been as great, and, perhaps, more valuable. Among the interesting events of

the year in this Conference, are the installation of a pastor at Vergennes, the reconstruction and dedication, with an historical discourse, of the church edifice at New Haven, and the payment of a large bequest for benevolent objects from the estate of a deacon of Bridport.

BENNINGTON CONFERENCE

mourns the loss of two most excellent and esteemed ministers, each of whom had fulfilled a successful pastorate of many years in prominent churches of the county. They rest from their labors, but their works do follow them. Save in these bereavements, the aspect of religious affairs in this county is decidedly hopeful and cheering. Our self-sustaining churches are growing stronger, and the feeble churches make commendable efforts to maintain public worship, and all are enjoying the comfort of gospel ordinances. Several of our church edifices are either new, or recently renovated, a considerable sum having been raised the past year by societies of limited means. Our annual meetings of Conference are gaining in the social element, happily promoting mutual acquaintance and helpful sympathy and co-operation among the members of our churches. Substantial results follow the revivals of last year, and in Bennington Second a very pleasant refreshing has been enjoyed this spring, particularly since that church observed the week of special service in concert with the Tabernacle meetings in Boston.

CALEDONIA CONFERENCE

has had a year of general prosperity. The growth of the churches, however, has been rather at the root than at the top. There has been only a slight increase in membership, but an improvement in quality. The quite large additions of the past two years have needed and received only a slight sifting. The great majority of the new converts have been steadily growing in Christian character, through fidelity in studying God's word and in Christian labor. A large amount of gospel work has been done by the laymen of our churches, in holding school-house meetings, which efforts have been very fully blessed. A new church—*Kirby*—has been added to this sisterhood. We rejoice that it has its birth and place of growth and service in so healthful a region, and among neighbors of so exemplary living and action.

CHITTENDEN CONFERENCE

furnishes this year a full and satisfactory table of statistics prepared by the register, and obtained, we judge, at considerable expense and persistent energy, and a resolute correspondence

with the churches. The statements accompanying are, in most cases, notes explanatory of various items and columns in the summary—some of the suggestive points of which may appear elsewhere. The report from *Richmond*, in this Conference, speaks of a remarkable religious awakening, the more remarkable in contrast with the insensibility to religion that has characterized the place for many years. The revival was preceded by the earnest prayers of the faithful few for a long time. It was largely promoted by the visits of the gospel workers from St. Albans, who, in repeated labors, accomplished much in awakening professed Christians, and in bringing others to Christ. Among the conversions are some six or more men in the prime of life. The average Sabbath congregation for five months has been nearly double its former size. The Sunday-school has increased in numbers and interest, and the prayer-meeting still more. Minister and people hope for yet larger blessings. The church of *South Hero* and *Grand Isle* reported twenty-two additions by profession, and *Underhill* thirty—in both cases the fruit of the revivals of last year.

ESSEX CONFERENCE.

Each of the three churches now enjoy the services of an acting pastor, one of whom received ordination during the past year. There are pleasing indications on the part of the churches of an inward growth and healthy religious feeling, though without special religious interest, except for a time in the western part of Lunenburg. Gospel charities are systematically bestowed in this Conference, and Christian efforts for temperance made in localities where they are needed.

FRANKLIN AND GRAND ISLE CONFERENCE.

The church at *Alburgh* is still advancing in the new career of usefulness and hope which it has entered of late, and the year now closed has proved the most prosperous of all. Nineteen have been added to their number by profession; they have at length felt able to call a pastor, and are united and enthusiastic in his support. A parsonage is to be built, and in various ways are the people striving to prepare the way of the Lord. *Highgate* still laments its losses and spiritual desolation. *Franklin* continues on the gain; active, united, prosperous and happy. Very efficient work is done in the Sabbath-school. *East Berkshire* and the region round about still receive the dews of heavenly grace, and believers are growing strong in the Lord. The brethren in *Enosburgh* are strengthening each other's hands in the good work, joining kindly with those of other names in the common vineyard, and having their reward in seeing the peace and prosperity of

Zion. The year at *Sheldon* has been one of great peace and spiritual enjoyment—the congregations steadily increasing—and the word preached has been heard with marked attention. There have been valuable accessions to the membership. At *Swanton* they have with the new year secured a new minister, and the outlook is hopeful. A healthful activity prevails at *St. Albans*, the general prayer-meetings and Lord's day services being well sustained. A young people's prayer-meeting, also a boys' meeting and latterly a young ladies' prayer-circle, have flourished and accomplished good. The gospel workers of the parish have done successful work outside of the town. There has been nothing surprising and little discouraging, and much to satisfy the wishes of the earnest in the religious life of the parish. The church at *Fairfield* which last year in their low estate appealed for counsel and prayer, is now very grateful for help received from the gospel workers, and are making effort to have preaching a part of the time. *Georgia* and *Montgomery* report the supply of their pulpit, but *Bakersfield* sends a blank in its ministerial column. We trust this, the only one in the bounds of the Conference, will again soon be filled.

LAMOILLE CONFERENCE

affords but a few hints of its present welfare. But we notice that the first church on the list—*Cambridge*—is increasing its membership, which has been more than doubled during the two last years, while the services of their former permanent pastor have been resumed with them. One pastor has been dismissed, and about half of the pulpits of the Conference have changed their incumbents.

ORANGE CONFERENCE

welcome to their sisterhood of churches a new organization at *Orange*, located in an interesting and hopeful field, and promising to do good work for the Master. They commenced with forty-eight members. Four others have been added during the year, and the Lord has given to them a settled pastor, ordained in October. Several of the smaller churches of the Conference are vacant. In certain cases these feel their destitution; are led to look to the Lord for help, and have some indication of his favor. Others, for lack of prayer, or effort, or other cause, seem ready to perish. Two of the churches vacant last year—*Fairlee* and *Post Mills*—are now supplied. The state of religion in the county is very cheering. Every church that has enjoyed regular preaching, and some which have not, have received additions to their membership. Some report special revival interest. Such has been

the case with the First church in *Brookfield* through the winter and until now. An important impulse was given by the visit of the gospel workers in February, when many unconverted persons, who had been wavering, were brought to a decision, and the church to a higher standard of activity. Cottage prayer-meetings have been a source of great good, and they speak highly of the value of Bible readings in connection with all social meetings. By far the most extensive work of grace has been enjoyed at *Randolph*. It is thought that the church, in its history of more than ninety years, has never experienced anything like it. Throughout the first part of the year there had been occasional conversions, and influential parties of adult age had pledged themselves to a religious life. The church was, therefore, much encouraged and in a measure prepared for the special efforts made among them by the gospel workers. At once large numbers responded to the invitation to avow themselves on the Lord's side. Between thirty and forty of these have united with the church, and many others, students in the normal school, will probably unite with their churches at home. The Congregational and Methodist churches in *Williamstown* enjoyed a precious revival in the fall, under the labors of lady evangelists. A marked effect was manifest among the female members in their new engagedness for the Master. *Bradford* was a good deal revived during the Week of Prayer, and through the rest of the winter there were frequent conversions. Some fifteen or twenty, in all, gave their hearts to the Lord. The Second church in *Brookfield* has been in a healthful religious state. Success has attended work in the out-districts. The special meetings, under the direction of the Young Men's Christian Association, had salutary effect, even more apparent in the church than among the impenitent. Old differences were reconciled, and festering feuds healed. There have also been several conversions. The present condition of this church testifies to the importance of a settled and permanent minister. From having been distracted, every year or two, with the question as to who was to be the next minister, and from being exposed to false teachers who thereby creep in unawares, the church, in the eight years of its present pastorate, has more than doubled its membership; the church and society have reached a firm financial basis, and there is a commendable degree of religious activity among them. A good work has been done the past year in getting rid of a long list of absent members, and in furnishing gratuitously to every member a brief manual containing the creed and covenant, with its present living membership. The congregation in *Chelsea* has been increased, and the hearts of the people drawn toward the Saviour. Good work has been done by their local Young Men's

Christian Association in an out-district, where about sixteen have confessed Christ. Their meeting-house has been remodeled, at a cost of $7,000, including organ and furniture, much to the credit and conscience of the people, making a very attractive house of worship. In *Corinth* there has been a perceptible growth in Scripture knowledge, and a searching for the truth as revealed in Christ. There have been eight additions, and another—a man seventy-seven years old—baptized the previous Sabbath, on the morning of the day appointed for his public profession, was called by the Head of the Church to pay his vows in the presence of the angels in the heavenly temple. There has been a good state of religious feeling at *Newbury*, and ten, twelve or more hopefully converted. The work at *West Newbury* has been moderately prosperous, and some special interest. It has been a good year at *West Randolph*. "Our gain," the pastor says, "has been in *tone*, rather than in anything we can count." The weekly offering system there has proved successful. Old claims have been paid off, and work outside the parish accomplished. A Woman's Missionary Society has been formed, and responsive reading of the Psalms is now a part of the Sabbath worship. *Thetford* has done a needed work in revising its records, and in looking after absent members. *Wells River* has never been in a better working position than at present. Several conversions and additions to the church are reported. There has been a marked material prosperity or progress in this Conference in respect to church edifices and furnishing. We notice especially the acquisition on the part of the church at Newbury of a valuable organ, and the completion and profitable use of a new and well-furnished church at Bradford. This result of the enterprise and piety of the people speaks, and speaks well, for itself to the Convention now so happily assembled under its roof. The reporter of this Conference has given a very satisfactory statement of the affairs of the churches of Orange county, with a full and suggestive summary. As a Convention we extend cordial greeting and sincere congratulations to the twenty-one churches, fifteen pastors, and nearly nineteen hundred resident members, including one hundred and sixty-two who have enlisted under the standard of our Divine King and Saviour during the past year.

ORLEANS CONFERENCE

sends us no narrative of the state of religion in its churches, but it gives us a statistical table as clean and clear as a page from the University press, delightful to the eye of the secretary and printer. Its presentation of the important facts involved are thus not only legible, but doubtless accurate and quite worthy of notice. Two

of the churches which were reported last year with eleven members each, are not reported at all this year, and are probably nearly absorbed by neighboring churches of another denomination. Of the remaining sixteen churches, numbering each from twenty-four to one hundred and thirty-two members, all but one have ministers, all but two have had additions by profession—one hundred and sixteen in the aggregate. All but three report baptisms—eighty-six adult and twenty-two infant. All but two report benevolent contributions, one thousand nine hundred and fifty-nine dollars and seventy-two cents in the aggregate, a gain of more than seven hundred dollars over last year. There are four pastors and eleven acting pastors in service. One pastor *emeritus* was installed fifty years ago last January. The ministers in service have all commenced their present charges within the past seven years. Fresh, progressive, hopeful, is the present aspect of the Orleans churches. We trust their branches will spread, their beauty be as the olive tree, and their smell as Lebanon.

RUTLAND CONFERENCE.

We learn from the reporter that *Brandon* is prospering under the new pastor, the Sabbath-school and congregation being largely increased, and some additions made to the church. There is an increase in the benevolent contributions; and a new parsonage, a large and fine building, is approaching completion. *Castleton* has been canvassed by brethren from the Congregational, Methodist and Advent churches, who have been very harmonious in religious work, and revival meetings have been held for several weeks with encouraging results. There has been quite a revival in *Clarendon* during the year, and the interest still continues. In *Danby* the Congregational church, though weak, has the field now, and is bravely holding on. *Fair Haven* reports a revival, especially in the two outlying districts, as also at the village. The church seems to be supporting the energetic pastor in earnest evangelistic labors. *Fair Haven (Welsh)* has secured the services of a minister in alliance with *Middle Granville*. *Hubbardton* is just getting into shape once more, after several losses by deaths and removals. *Pawlet* has enjoyed quite a revival, commencing under the influence of a lady evangelist to whom, under Providence, Clarendon, Wallingford and other towns owe very much. The remarkable revival at *West Rutland* has not yet spent all its force, and the revival spirit still prevails in the meetings. Within little more than a year one hundred have been added to the church. Some of the brethren have labored earnestly and successfully at Sutherland Falls and Clarendon Springs, while the home meetings have not been neglected. *Wallingford* is sorely

afflicted by the disability of Dr. Walker, but is rallying to the support of the minister who is for the present year supplying the pulpit. Altogether the year has been a very prosperous one for this Conference. Every church but one is now supplied, and the new men are greatly strengthening the hands of the brethren longer on the ground. The additions to the churches have probably been larger than for at least twenty-five years, and the present membership may be larger than ever before.

WASHINGTON CONFERENCE.

There has been no extensive revival within its bounds the past year, but many evidences of the Spirit's presence, and several of the churches have enjoyed "a refreshing from the presence of the Lord." *Barre* has done a very good thing in arranging "to be out of debt." Those that united with the church in *Berlin* a year ago have continued faithful and made commendable progress in the Christian life. There are still indications of the Saviour's presence. *West Berlin* speaks of sore trials — some gleams of light, and then again clouds, dark and portentous. In connection with special meetings at *Duxbury* ten or twelve have been hopefully converted. From *Montpelier* we have this statement: "The figures relating to membership differ materially from those given in past years, as the result of an effort to revise our catalogue. We have had no revival during the year, though there has been a quickening of a part of the church and much earnest prayer. Our beloved pastor has been called to his reward, and we deeply feel his loss." At *Northfield* there was more than usual interest during the winter. The meetings of the Week of Prayer were well sustained, and were followed by a series of gospel meetings. Christians were awakened and sinners converted. Ten have already united with the church, and we hope as many more will do so soon. A general quiet has prevailed in *Plainfield*. Gospel meetings have been held, at which some were quickened who had been before slightly interested. Affliction has touched one who had been an inert Christian, and who is now living. The pastor of *Waitsfield* was dismissed in December, much to the regret of all; but the church has shown commendable zeal in seeking and securing a new pastor. *Waterbury* has been hard at work. In an out-district meetings were held in January and February with most pleasing results. An audience of one hundred and twenty-five or one hundred and fifty was not unusual. Nearly fifty rose for prayers, the majority of whom, we confidently believe, are firmly trusting in the Lord to-day. It is gratifying to note the growth of a benevolent spirit. The Ladies' Missionary Society have doubled their former contributions, the Young Ladies' Society

have sent out sixty dollars, and the Children's Society ten dollars. There has been an increase in all the branches of benevolence. The apparent loss in the membership of this Conference is not *real*, but the result of the attempted revision of the roll of Bethany Church.

WINDHAM CONFERENCE

has furnished the reporter with scanty materials to show the religious condition of the churches, and perforce presents us with several unseemly blank rows in the statistical summary. Perhaps the rolls and records of some of the churches are not kept with sufficient accuracy and clearness, and hence on a change of pastors or clerks the annual returns can be but partially made, and reveal inexplainable discrepancies from previous years. Christ's people in this county have, however, had happy experiences the past twelve months; very many more than could be related here. Some of the churches show this year ingatherings from revivals which occurred before the last report. Noticeable among them is the church in *South Wardsboro*, which gives an increase that more than doubles its resident membership. The church in *Jamaica* is also to be classed here. During the past winter *Saxton's River* has been blessed with a much needed revival. The gain in membership, which appears only partially, tells the story of increase in efficiency and strength. A few of the feebler churches seem to be falling back into the condition from which the county missionary for a time revived them. Nearly all the stronger ones, however, show decided gains, although the year has not been marked by revivals. Full returns will doubtless give as large an increase in the totals during the past year as in any of the years immediately preceding.

WINDSOR CONFERENCE,

which last year showed the longest list of churches and the largest sum of resident members, discloses some elements of weakness this year in the numerous blanks in its table of statistics. At the head of the column is Ascutneyville, a little church, but maintaining an existence amid difficulties, and favored with one sermon every alternate Sabbath by the pastor of Windsor. The seven members at Barnard who last year reported, "no Congregational church," confirm their position this year by making no report at all. If the surviving remnant, which has had no ordinances and no church property for years, will now attach itself to some neighboring church, they may fulfill a duty to themselves and to the common Head of the church, and the name of the organization, made ninety-five years ago, may suitably be dropped. *Plymouth* and *Weathersfield* make no report of figures, and *Bridgewater* one

too imperfect to be of service. That of *Chester* is also lacking in the very essential item of the number of its large membership. They are now without a pastor. From *Hartford* there comes more cheering intelligence, showing that the people have perseveringly sought the grace of God, and been quickened in the divine life and in useful work. For objects of benevolence, monthly collections are taken in the church, and gifts by the Sabbath-school weekly, while the Woman's Missionary Society is doing efficient service. For supporting the gospel at home, the plan of weekly offerings has been in successful operation for more than two years, and is thus becoming more nearly adequate to the current expenses. *Hartland* assures us of revival interest with them last fall, resulting in some conversions, and especially in the increase of faith, love and consecration to Christ among Christians. *Ludlow* speaks both of trials and mercies. They regret the continued disability, by ill health, of their pastor, and mourn the loss, by death, of one of their most prominent members, a consecrated, Christlike man, and President of their Young Men's Christian Association. They are favored, however, with edifying discourses on the Sabbath, and feel strong in union among themselves and in persevering prayer. In *Norwich* the pastoral relation, which had been maintained for eleven years, has been dissolved, and the people realize the evils of the unsettled state of affairs resulting. The pulpit has been supplied, and some efficient work has been done, especially by the young men and the Sunday school teachers. They feel that the year has not been wholly lost, and would still praise the Lord for his mercies. At a gospel meeting, held in *Pittsfield* the last of January, there was developed a marked and special religious interest which deepened into the most general work of grace which has been known there for several years. It resulted in the hopeful conversion of quite a number of souls, most of whom united with the Methodists. Union meetings were held nearly every evening for several weeks; a young people's meeting was established and is still sustained. The interest extended to the north part of the town of *Sherburne*, where a portion of the church reside. To God be the praise. A reform club has been organized and vigorously sustained. It enrolls as members about one fourth of the inhabitants, and a good temperance sentiment pervades the town. Temperance prospers also in *Pomfret* in the way of a Good Templars' lodge. This town also reports the spiritual quickening of the church, and twenty-five hopeful conversions. The community at *Quechee* ranks high in temperance morals. Eight additions by profession are reported, and a quiet interest exists. There has been special interest also at *Rochester*, with accessions. *South Royalton* again enjoys the ministrations of an acting pastor, has

repaired the meeting-house, and gained considerable increase to its membership. No prominent advance has been made at *Springfield*, owing, perhaps, to the holding back of the reserve force, but they hope to "hold the fort" at least. The church at *Stockbridge* still feels the influence of the late revival, and discovers more life, activity and interest in the study of the Bible. They are praying for the unconverted, among whom it is believed the leaven of the gospel is silently working. The services of prayer and preaching have been maintained at *Weston* the past year, but the pulpit is now vacant. *Windsor* rejoices in an unusual religious prosperity. On the first Sabbath of the year a union effort was instituted by three churches of the village, and a series of evening meetings was held for two months. Before the close of the meetings they received valuable assistance from an evangelist, and also from a Christian singer. This revival has added much to the spiritual power of the churches, given a new impulse to Sunday-school work, more freedom in social religious meetings, while the Sabbath congregations are increased in numbers and in that joy of the Lord which is the strength of the soul. *Woodstock* has witnessed a most precious revival of religion. Unusual feeling was manifested during the Week of Prayer, and the interest increased so rapidly and powerfully that they began an extra weekly prayer-meeting, which has continued to the time of reporting. The people, made willing by divine grace, are earnest to do more work for the Master. This church, the last on the list, reports forty additions, thirty of which are by profession.

IN GENERAL.

Among the indications of the genuineness of the good work of the recent years, as these are afforded by the statistical tables, are the following: We have in the first place the organization of two new churches during the year, commencing with abundant signs of a true life, and giving good prospects of prolonged usefulness. More of the churches are regularly supplied with preaching, there being but twenty-nine vacant pulpits — thirty-seven last year. Indeed, among those reported vacant are some — like Montpelier — probably supplied every Sabbath. There is a large increase of the total membership, though there has been thorough revision of some of our rolls, and the reduction by some hundreds of the merely nominal membership of former years to a true basis. The additions on profession, though falling short of last year by about one third, very far exceed the ordinary average, — amounting this year to one thousand one hundred and fifty-five. More than two thirds of the churches have received such accessions. Every Conference save Essex has a substantial net gain of members. The

congregations have increased by an average weekly attendance of six hundred and fifty, and the Sabbath-schools by a membership of one thousand one hundred. The figures also indicate an increase of nearly eight thousand dollars in the benevolent contributions of the year.

We hail with real satisfaction any evidences that the quickened piety of our converts and earlier members is of the kind which honors God with their substance and the first fruits of their increase. The year has been one, for many of our churches, of diminished pecuniary resources. It has thus proved an occasion to challenge liberality amid poverty, to chasten and invigorate the virtues of benevolence and self-denial. We do not suppose it has always proved a light task to maintain the regular services of the sanctuary in all these towns; to repair and rebuild meeting-houses; to carry on gospel work in our own state; and to aid the work of home and foreign missions in all their departments elsewhere. There has, however, been much of manful faith and holy enterprise shown in the emergency, by ministers voluntarily suffering a reduction in their salaries, and by the people in self-denial for the honor of Zion. The making of weekly offerings, as a part of public worship, has been adopted in many places, and there are new testimonials of its wisdom and success after a trial of two or three years. Moneys are thus received both for the charities of the church and the current expenses of public worship.

We have this year asked for returns from all the congregations of the sums contributed to various objects of benevolence, specially of the religious enterprises of our own denomination. We suspect many of these are quite incomplete, the call for them not having been anticipated. And when the figures are given, in several columns, it would take a more elastic rule of addition than we know of to make the sum of the particulars specified exactly tally with the column of total contributions. A better harmony will doubtless obtain in these columns another year. If it will be of interest to any to know in about what proportions our benevolent funds, including both donations and legacies, have been distributed, it may be stated thus in round numbers: Of the fifty-three thousand of total contributions, about nineteen thousand have gone for foreign missions, about twelve for home missions, five and a half for the freedmen, two for college and education, five hundred dollars for the Congregational Union, while fifteen thousand have been appropriated for the Bible cause and various unspecified objects. We feel sure that no one cause has received larger benefactions than its objects and its needs justified. We are equally confident that many of our churches, the smaller as well

as the larger, do not take in the whole great field of Christian enterprise with that largeness of heart so becoming to those who are privileged to live in these last days, nor are they too conscientious and careful to place their alms beside their prayers and songs of praise upon the public altar of Sabbath worship from week to week and month to month through the whole year.

While the losses of our churches through the decease of their members have not, perhaps, been greater than the usual average —that is, about one person out of fifty-five of the whole number— yet we judge the general sense of bereavement has really been deeper and more universal than is common. We had hardly returned home from the meeting at Barton when we were startled by the intelligence that one of the brethren whose name was on the roll of that Convention was dead. Brother Gilbert, who bore a beautiful Christian character, and who had done in the foreign and home field, and was still doing noble work for the world, was called very suddenly and in the midst of his days. Before the close of the same month of July, a venerated father in the ministry, Joseph Underwood, was brought to the grave like a shock of corn fully ripe in its season. He had continued in active service until within four years of his death. Within another month Brother Hubbard, of Bennington, yielded to the fatal force of accident and disease, and his commanding presence was missed from the community where he had previously fulfilled a useful ministry of twenty years.

In like manner, among those who had been his own people, did Rev. Samuel Paine, of Montgomery, close on the fourth of March a life which remarkably testified the power of prayer, the beauty of a life of faith, and the beneficent influence, whether in labor or suffering, of one who truly loved and served the Saviour. On the morning of the second Sabbath following, Dr. Lord, whose high position and extraordinary ability, and grand devotion to the service of Christ and for the churches and people of Vermont, seemed to make him a chief man in our Israel, bowed his head and died. Just two months later, and since the close of our church year, another strong and good man, Dr. Cushman, in many respects the peer of any pastor in the state, closed his useful life, and was borne to the grave, not only amid the tears of his own people, but of many other churches by which he had been held in love and honor. Only last week his excellent wife, long an invalid, was laid by his side. "Lovely and pleasant in their lives, in their death they were not divided." Among several ministers who out of the state have rested from their labors, though in previous life largely identified with the work of the gospel in Vermont, may be named Rev. E. Irwin Carpenter, who died in February, at Swan-

zey, N. H. He was for twelve years pastor in Barre and Berlin, two years Secretary of the Vermont Bible Society, and for five years Corresponding Secretary of this Convention. He was a man deservedly held in high esteem.

There have been many others, probably not less worthy of mention, whose names are written in heaven, but now no longer counted in our living membership: good men who have well fulfilled the deacon's office or other influential positions in the church; mothers in Israel who gave us in our infancy to Christ and to the ministry of the gospel; fathers from whom we had not only honorable, worthy names, but a salutary Christian example and education; wives and sisters whose spirit and speech were redolent of the grace of the gospel; sons and daughters, some of whom had early, and none too early, consecrated the dew of their youth to the Saviour. We miss them to-day and mourn that the starred list is so long a one, and yet rejoice that on this side of the flood and on the other we are still one family, and are tending to one final home. And, being dead, the faithful ones yet speak to us through their own example and precious memories. The writer of this report will not soon forget that the latest words he heard from the two prominent pastors whom we have named were words of deep personal interest on their part, almost appeal, in behalf of certain departments of our common cause; by the one in regard to the approaching meeting of the County Conference, for which he was to arrange; and by the other in behalf of the CHRONICLE to which he was giving so generously the productions of his powerful pen and of his great Christian heart.

While it should be our highest, holiest ambition to be ready—meet for the immediate presence of the Great King in his glory—let us in our movement heavenward feel the quickening impulse of the example of those so lately by our side, or at the front, and be "followers of them who, through faith and patience, inherit the promises." P. S. PRATT.

SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE.

AN ESSAY. BY REV. C. S. SMITH.

THE phrase "Systematic Beneficence" is one of such wide import that, in the limits of an Essay, for an occasion like the present, little more can be done than touch upon some single point or aspect of it.

The Latin word from which beneficence is derived means *to do well*, but especially that form of well-doing by which kindness is shown or favor is conferred upon others. It expresses good will and charity not simply in desire and disposition, but in *act*. It is more than benevolence. It not only wishes well, but it girds itself for service and goes forth on its mission of love to minister to the wants of needy, afflicted and perishing men.

Christian Beneficence views man from the stand point of the gospel and attempts to enter into the purpose and work of Christ. As He healed the sick, fed the hungry, instructed the ignorant, sought out and saved the lost, so Christian beneficence aims to enter into His spirit and labors and reach out a helping hand to man in *all* his necessities. The term, however, is now most often used in reference to efforts made to supply men everywhere with Bibles, missionaries, houses of worship and all gospel institutions and privileges. I shall use the word in this usually received sense, with the single modification to which reference will be made in another place.

To carry forward the work of Christian beneficence in our parishes and throughout the world, we need to economize our forces and reduce all parts to some system. Without system no work of any magnitude can be successfully prosecuted. "Order is Heaven's first law." All the operations of nature are orderly and effective because systematic. God teaches us by His own mode of working, as well as by precept, how we are to work. In all human endeavors of any extent system is found indispensable to success. In the administration of the different departments of government; in all complicated business enterprises, commercial houses and corporations find that it is an absolute necessity to adopt a system

covering all their transactions and providing for the sure performance of every detail. Thus regularity, economy, and the highest attainable efficiency are secured.

In the prosecution of Christian beneficence system is no less necessary than in secular affairs. To a certain extent it has been adopted with most marked results. Distinct organizations have been formed, each operating in a sphere of its own for the attainment of definite ends. For example, the work of foreign missions, which is one branch of Christian beneficence, has its own well-defined field, its settled plan of operations, and its board of officers, each of whom gives his time, thought and labor to one class of duties. The same is true of the Home Missionary and other Christian work. System is adopted in laying out and doing the work. It is not our purpose at the present time to discuss the excellences or faults of the systems employed by these organizations, but rather to call attention to the great lack of system that exists at the very fountain head of all our beneficent work, and inquire how it can be remedied.

Lying at the very base of all our operations of Christian beneficence, and seriously affecting every part, is a sphere where no general or effective system exists. *We have no system of giving and collecting money at all adequate to the importance or demands of the work.* To carry forward Christian work large resources of money are needed—needed to build churches, sustain public worship, support missionaries, print and distribute Bibles, and evangelize men. The money to meet these expenses must come, not from an immense capital invested in some productive stocks which pay regular, but large and sure, dividends; it must come from the voluntary offerings of thousands and tens of thousands of individuals scattered all over the land. A small minority of these are wealthy and can pay large annual amounts, but the vast majority are poor, or in moderate circumstances, and can give only small sums each. As these gifts are all voluntary offerings, and depend upon the intelligence, interest, and disposition of the givers, and often upon the subject's being brought to their attention at the proper time, there is likely to be, as there is, great irregularity and uncertainty as to the amounts given, and every year shows the great need of more system here. There needs to be some well-defined system on the part of givers, and some system for collecting their offerings into the treasury of the Lord. There must be system in both these respects; system in giving and system in collecting. The system of collecting must be the supplement of the system of giving. It must meet the individual givers at all points, and not only present the opportunity but a stimulus to give.

Here let me say that I shall include all that is given for religious objects, whether for parish or missionary work, under one and the same head. What one gives for the support of preaching in the parish where he lives is not generally spoken of as beneficence. Indeed, all our statistical tables on this subject expressly exclude all parish expenses from the catalogue of beneficent gifts. Perhaps this is done for the reason that, as one is supposed to be *personally* benefited by sustaining the preaching of the gospel where he lives, what he pays for this purpose is regarded, for him and his family, as one of the necessary expenses of life. and therefore not worthy of being called beneficent. But as the *amount* given for this purpose is voluntary ; is for the good of others as well as his own ; is an offering to God to uphold his worship, and when rightly bestowed is as much an act of piety as giving for missionary purposes, we see no reason for distinguishing it in principle from any other benefaction. God's kingdom and work are one all over the world, and the money given to sustain the preaching of the gospel is just as truly an offering to God and as sacred and holy, whether it is paid to sustain a minister in one's own parish or is sent to India to support a missionary or teacher there.

We shall make a great gain when we come clearly and universally to recognize the fact that what we pay for the support of public worship is not paid simply for a seat in church, or for a minister's salary, but is an offering to God — is an act of worship to Him. When we come to adopt this view, the raising of money for parish expenses is lifted up into a higher plain, and is worthy to be embraced in a system with all other objects which have in view the salvation of men. In treating of system, in giving for the objects of Christian beneficence, I shall, therefore, include the paying of money for the support of public worship in the parish where one lives, as much as the giving of it for missionary work.

That there is no generally received system of giving or collecting money for religious objects in use, it is hardly necessary to state. A mere glance at the divers ways which have been adopted to raise money shows this. The funds needful to sustain public worship are sought to be secured in different churches, by voluntary subscription ; by assessments on the grand list of the members of the church ; by assessments on the appraised value of the pews ; by the annual auction sale of the sittings, and by weekly offerings. In many churches, to make up arrearages, resort is had to oyster suppers, concerts, festivals, tableaux, and fairs, with their grab-bags, fish-ponds, raffles, and other devices by which money is enticed or swindled out of unwilling givers for the service of God.

In collecting money for what is generally spoken of as benevo-

lent and charitable objects there is also great diversity in methods. The most common are by a regular weekly, monthly, or quarterly collection in church, each one for some particular object; or the whole thrown into a common fund to be divided *pro rata* among certain assigned objects; in others, annual collections are taken by parish collectors appointed for that purpose, who call upon the individuals for their offerings; in others, parish societies are formed, in which the individuals pledge annual gifts of a certain amount to the given objects; in others still a collection is taken as often and no oftener than they are visited by an agent or secretary of some society, who presents the cause he represents and makes a personal appeal to them for their bounties. The sum contributed on such occasions depends upon the amount of pocket money the hearers happen to have by them and the success of the speaker in interesting them and moving their feelings. The result is, however, seldom very flattering to the speaker.

Some of these methods of giving and of collecting money for parish and benevolent purposes, when they have been patiently adhered to, have been quite successful,—helpful to the givers and promotive of the cause of Christ. That there is, however, much need of a more generally-adopted system, in giving and collecting money, which is founded in right principles and promotive of Christian character, cannot be doubted.

Let us, then, look at that branch of beneficence which relates especially to *system in giving and collecting money*. If we do not reach any *absolute* system, applicable to all times and places, we may yet discover those principles which underlie and must give form to every true system, and which, as the spirit of Christ becomes dominant in the church, will be fully recognized and acted upon throughout Christendom.

In discussing this question, it is of importance for us to get all the light we can upon it from the Bible. If God has given men any system or hints at a system in his Word, in the matter of giving, it is desirable to know it and profit by it; for Divine wisdom is superior to human, and no system which does not carry with it the force of a divine command, or at least the conviction that it accords with principles laid down in the Word of God, and therefore is approved of God, can meet with general acceptance. Now we find the most positive evidence in the Bible that God has approved of and inculcated system in the giving of property for religious purposes. The practice of giving to God a tenth of one's income appeared very early among devout men. That it was, in its origin, the result of a divine command, we cannot affirm. It is not easy, however, to account for the fact that this is the one and only proportion of giving that is mentioned as being offered by

the patriarchs, and that it was afterwards established by law, except on the supposition that it had its origin in some divine instruction.

Under the Jewish economy, the *general* rule for giving, which is many times repeated, is this: "Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord thy God which he hath given thee." Some of the special requirements under this general rule were: *First*, That every one should devote the first fruits of his fields and flocks to the Lord. After this, *secondly*, a tenth of all his income, for the maintenance of the priests and Levites, as the ministers of religion. *Thirdly*, every man was to go three times a year to Jerusalem to attend the prescribed feasts, at which time he was to carry with him a liberal allowance wherewith to entertain his friends and the poor with a generous hospitality. Moreover, for the relief of the poor he was to leave the corners of his fields unreaped and was forbidden to glean his fields or vineyards. Besides these taxes upon his property, there were voluntary thank-offerings which the devout Jew was expected to pay, and at times sacrifices for ceremonial defilement or for transgression, which were of no small cost. These gifts for the support of religious worship, for the relief of the poor, and as an expression of penitence for sin, or gratitude to God, must have consumed nearly a fifth of each man's income.

Now without affirming that the law of tithes, with its accompanying requirements of property offerings, was intended as of universal application to all people and through all ages, as indicating the exact proportion that every man should give of his income for religious and benevolent purposes, yet there is much to be learned from this system as given to the Jews and required of them through so many generations.

Let us briefly notice a few points involved in this system:

1st. These gifts were not only required by divine command, but *they were claimed by God as due to himself.* The givers were expressly taught that these were due and to be paid to God, as a tribute to Him as their Creator, Benefactor and Sovereign. They were told that the earth was the Lord's and the fullness thereof; that the gold and the silver and the cattle on a thousand hills all belonged to Him, and that of what He had entrusted to them they were to render continual offerings to Him as a religious act—an act of worship—and so they were called to "honor the Lord with their substance and with the first fruits of their increase," and were assured that "all the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, *is the Lord's. It is holy unto the Lord.*" Though these tithes, offerings and sacrifices went to support the tribe of Levi, to keep up their religious system and

feed the poor, yet God claimed them all as His own and as given to Him. When the Jews with devout hearts brought to Him their tithes and offerings, he received them as true worship, and blessed them. When in their worldliness they withheld them. He accused them of robbing Him in tithes and offerings, and showed His displeasure by visiting them with judgments. Let this fact then be kept in view that all these property offerings—this large revenue which was yearly gathered from all Israel—was given to God and as an act of homage to Him.

2d. Notice that *this system of giving embraced every man.* None were exempt. Every adult male throughout the whole land was to pay his tithes and offerings to God. The rich and the poor alike; the man who was in debt and the man who was in independent circumstances—all had received something from God, and were bound to acknowledge that indebtedness, and give expression to their sense of obligation and fealty to Him, by rendering to Him the appropriate tithes and offerings. So did all by outward act, and in a way that cost them something, render homage to their Creator. In these acts of worship all devout hearts found a natural mode of giving a joyful expression to their love, gratitude and feelings of reverence for God.

3dly. This system not only required every man to give, but *it required him to give a* DEFINITE *portion of his income to the Lord.* He was not at liberty, as the result of impulse or whim or caprice, to give little or nothing, or what the humor of the moment prompted. It was to be done with deliberation, as a matter of principle. The amount was to be decided upon by a process of inquiry into his means, by an actual inventory of his receipts. What he gave was to bear, up to certain limits at least, a definite proportion to what God had given him. He was to give "according to his ability," "according to the blessing of the Lord his God upon him." This proportion was not to be reached by guess, but by actual count and division. Thus his conscience was cultivated to feel that all that he received came from God, and that in gratitude, in recognition of God's right to all that he had, he was, as a good steward, to render back to Him a definite portion of what he received. The idea of *stewardship* was therefore taught with great clearness.

4th. This system *necessitated a frequent review of his means of giving and, consequently, frequent acts of giving.* The first ripe fruits of each crop were devoutly brought and offered to God; then on the harvesting of the same crops, a division of them was made, and the Lord's portion, a tithe, was set aside and given to Him. The increase of the flocks was to be taken at another time in the same way. At three definite times in the year each Jew was to provide

from his remaining income a liberal portion to carry up to Jerusalem with which to keep the appointed feasts, when he was expected to show great generosity to the poor. So this system made imperative a *frequent examination* of one's income, with reference to the service of God, and frequent acts of giving.

One more point it may be well for us to notice; that is, that while the requirements to give, made of the Jew, were so explicit and unmistakable, *the fulfillment of them was voluntary.* No effort was made to enforce them. No provision was made in the Mosaic law for the recovery of the tithe if it was withheld, or to compel the offering of the first fruits and of gifts to the poor. "The rendering of these was due as a matter of religious obligation, and was left upon the consciences of the people, like all other religious requirements, without subjecting them to any judicial or sacerdotal visitation in case of non-compliance." They had, it is true, the promise of God's rich blessing upon them and their land if they complied, and of His displeasure if they refused. This was the system under which God sought to train his chosen people to a proper regard for His prerogatives and to acts of beneficence. And we think it will be found that the principles involved in it have their foundation in the nature of things—in the character of God, in the relation of man to his Maker, and in the tuition needed by him in his earthly life. These principles must enter in substance into any system of giving which meets the necessities of the case and the will of God.

As we turn to the New Testament, we find all these principles recognized and enforced there.

1st. There is the same demand upon men, on the part of God, to do him homage with their property. Public worship, with all its attendant expenses, holds a prominent place under the Christian dispensation. Churches must be built by human hands and at human expense. A ministry to take the place of the priesthood has been divinely appointed, and the duty of men to sustain it, by the gift of money, is taught in the clearest language. Moreover, Christ has laid upon His Church the duty of carrying the gospel to every creature. This cannot be done without a great outlay of money. The command to preach the gospel to every creature carries with it or embraces the obligation, on the part of the Church, to meet the expense attending this. God has therefore use for much money to build up His kingdom and carry forward His work under the Christian dispensation, and He requires the offering of it to Him for this purpose just as positively as He did in the elder times. He will be worshipped now by gifts and offerings.

2dly. Under the gospel EVERY MAN *is required to give of his*

substance to the Lord. As the support of public worship and the evangelization of the world is given to men, it is given alike to all. It is the duty of one as much as of another. He that freely receives is freely to give. He that heareth is to say come, and do what lies in his power to save men. As no Jew of old could say, "I am not bound to pay tithes and offerings to God for the support of the priests and the service of the sanctuary," so no man can now say "I am under no obligation to pay my money to sustain public worship and to preach the gospel to every creature." God has placed this obligation upon all to whom the gospel comes, just as unmistakably as He made it the duty of the Jew to pay tithes. No man can annul this divine ordination. He is not rendering obedience to God if he does not honestly comply with it.

3dly. The New Testament *recognizes also the duty of proportionate giving.* The general principle laid down in the Old Testament, that every man was to give as he was able; i. e., in proportion to the property God had given him, is re-affirmed in the New in the self same words. And the duty of giving liberally is enforced by God's "unspeakable gift" to us, and by Christ's example, "who, though He was rich, for our sakes became poor." Though the duty of giving a *tenth* to God is nowhere affirmed in the New Testament, yet the calls for large-hearted giving and the motives for it are much stronger than were furnished the Jews of old. The specific rule requiring definitely a tenth of every man, *may* perhaps have been removed as an *enactment*, because in individual cases it bore heavily upon the poor, and, because the gospel appeals with greater power to man's higher nature, and seeks, by the wonderful display of divine love to him, to lead him, from the promptings of love, to render to God *all* that he owes to Him. There is not the slightest intimation that the *amount* or the proportion, to be given to God now by men at large, should be less than formerly, but rather that it should be increased. And so we find that in the beginning of the Christian dispensation the disciples were so filled with the generous promptings of the spirit of the gospel, that they brought *all* their property and laid it at the Apostles' feet, to be drawn upon as the interests of Christ's cause required. The principle of stewardship, which is that of proportionate giving, is clearly set forth in the parable of the talents. God requires all to give as they have received. Of him who has received five pounds He requires more than of him who has had but one, and of him who has been blessed with ten pounds He demands more than of him who has had but five.

4thly. The New Testament recognizes and recommends the duty of a *frequent, deliberate examination of one's ability and obligations, and a frequent setting apart of a portion for the Lord.* This,

with the other points to which I have referred, are gathered up and embodied in that rule which Paul commends the Galatian and Corinthian churches to adopt: "*On the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store as God hath prospered him.*" This passage I believe contains, in the simplest and most condensed form, the teachings of both the Old and New Testaments on this subject. It inculcates the duty of every individual to give; to give according to his ability; and of course as the result of a deliberate examination of his means; to give frequently, and, by making it a Sabbath employment, it recognizes its religious character, its connection with worship.

What we need then to aim at now, for a system of *giving*, is to educate every man to recognize his obligation to give of his property to God, both for the support of public worship where he lives and throughout the whole world; then to train every conscience in the light of the teachings of God's word, — both Old Testament and New, — on this matter of giving, to deliberately and conscientiously fix upon the proportion due from him to God, and in frequent offerings give it to his Maker. Then as a system of *collecting* we need to adopt one in harmony with this system of giving — one that shall acknowledge all, whether given for home expenses or for Christ's work elsewhere — as offerings to God; connect them with our Sabbath worship; consider them as a part of worship, that our prayers and our alms may come up together before God.

It will be seen from what has been said that I regard the *weekly offering plan* as embracing, in substance, the true system of *giving* and the true system of *collecting* our offerings to God for the objects of Christian beneficence. It is in harmony with the teachings of the Bible. It recognizes God's prerogative and man's duty. It affords a simple system, easily understood by all, adapted alike to the necessity and convenience of the rich and the poor. Paul commended it with equal confidence to the poor Galatians and the affluent Corinthians. It cultivates the conscience by requiring the deliberate, frequent setting apart and giving of property to God. It enables most to give in small but frequent offerings an amount in the course of a year they would be unable to command at any one time. If one has nothing to give on certain Sabbaths, as will sometimes be the case, it still keeps before his mind his obligation to God, and invites him, as often as possible, to meet it. It affords an easy, economical way of gathering in the offerings of all classes of givers, in all places where there is a Christian Church, and, if generally adopted by all the people, it would keep the Lord's treasury full. The receipts would be in number like the sands upon the sea shore; they would be liberal,

regular, reliable, and adequate to all the demands of Christian beneficence.

The practical working of the *weekly* offering system in the present low state of Christian culture in regard to giving, as to how to adjust home expenses and the calls for other Christian work so that each shall have its due proportion, will doubtless be attended in many places with difficulty. The difficulty is not, however, the fault of the system as related to giving or collecting, but because men have not been educated to act upon the principles that underlie it. We fear that only a minority, of professed Christians even, have ever learned, in the fear of God, carefully to consider their obligations as God's stewards, and so, from a deliberate and oft-repeated estimate, to lay by and offer to God what is His due from them. Let it not be supposed that the mere adoption of this system of *collecting*, by vote of a church or parish, will necessarily ensure on the part of the people the conscientious adoption of the system of *giving*, on which its complete success depends. This latter can be secured only as the result of much instruction and earnest presentation to men of the claims God has upon their property. But if we cannot at once and universally adopt this system of giving and collecting as a means of securing all that is needed for parish expenses and for all the objects of Christian beneficence, let us do the best we can; adopt the system of collecting for one or the other, and thus secure its educating influences in our churches. In adopting the weekly offering system of collecting, care should be taken in all cases to secure pledges in advance from every individual, old and young, rich and poor, who is willing to give a pledge, as to how much he or she will pay weekly for the object or objects proposed. This conscientious review of one's ability and the deliberate fixing upon a definite sum to be given is an essential part of the system, and should never be omitted.

In some churches the weekly offerings are devoted to the payment of all parish expenses connected with the support of public worship. Where this is done, it is essential that the pledges, made at the beginning of the year, should fully cover the estimated expenses for the year. In other churches the weekly offerings are devoted to missionary and other beneficent work outside of the parish. In other churches still, by weekly offerings they raise what is needed for parish expenses, and also an amount to be divided among the great objects of Christian benevolence. In the South Church in St. Johnsbury this course is pursued. Sixty-five per cent. of all the weekly offerings of the year, if so much is needed for this purpose, is devoted to parish expenses, and thirty-five per cent. is given to other beneficent objects, to be divided

according to some agreed ratio. This seems to be the true plan, but it is doubtful if it can be made to work in many churches, from the fact that, in most of our congregations many who contribute for the support of the preaching of the gospel are not professed Christians, and are not willing to put their money into a common fund, a fixed proportion of which is to be devoted to Christian work abroad. Some churches devote the weekly offerings on the first Sabbath of each month to the general objects of Christian benevolence, and the offerings on the other Sabbaths to parish expenses.

Wherever the weekly offering system is adopted, the plan for doing it should be well digested. When it is confined to parish expenses, care must be taken that it shall not crowd out collections for other Christian work, and a careful and competent man must be found to act as treasurer to keep the accounts of each individual giver. The offerings should be enclosed in envelopes, having the name of the giver or some numeral on it, which is also set against his name on the treasurer's book.

It will be only by patient and persevering efforts, on the part of those ministers and laymen who are convinced of the law of Christian stewardship, that this system can be adopted and made to generally prevail. For its success, it is necessary that men act from principle. It supposes a spirit of consecration, reaching to one's property, and a conscientious purpose to render to God that which is His. If ministers will often present it to their people; if individual Christians, and so whole churches, can be induced to adopt it in its fullness, it will gain ground, conduce to a higher type of Christian character, and largely increase the resources for building up the kingdom of Christ on earth.

OBITUARY NOTICES.

RUFUS SPAULDING CUSHMAN was the son of Rev. Rufus Cushman, a graduate of Williams College and the first settled minister of New Haven. Rufus was born at New Haven, Aug. 31, 1815. He began his education in the schools of his native town, prepared for college at Castleton Seminary, and graduated at Middlebury College in 1837. He taught an academy in Pickens county, Alabama, from 1838 to 1840, and in Lowndes county, Mississippi, from January to November, 1840. He studied theology at Lane Theological Seminary from 1840 to 1841, and graduated at Auburn Theological Seminary in 1843. He was ordained to the ministry and installed pastor of the Congregational church in Orwell, in December, 1843. Here he remained for nineteen years, and served the people with great acceptance. He removed to Manchester in 1862, and was installed pastor of the Congregational church, in which he remained until his death.

He died at Manchester Friday morning, May 18, 1877, after a severe sickness from *prostatic hypertrophy*, at the age of sixty-two years. He died in the midst of his labors, honored and beloved, leaving the wife of his choice and the companion of his labors, Sarah F. Gibson, whom he married at Sandy Hill, N. Y., in August, 1846, and three children. He ever took great interest in all that pertained to education and the promotion of educational institutions. For more than twenty years he was a member of the corporation of Middlebury College, and was most earnest and faithful to his *alma mater*. From her he received the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity. He was also one of the trustees of Burr & Burton Seminary. Dr. Cushman was a good preacher, of the sound and practical kind. Dignified, yet affable, he was a leading spirit, a wise counselor and faithful laborer among the ministry and churches of Vermont.

SAMUEL DELANO was the son of Barnabas and Ruth Todd Delano. He was born in Langdon, N. H., May 20, 1794. His parents removed to Williamstown, where Samuel grew up and assisted in the pioneer work of clearing away the forest. He could remember his consecration. A desire for an education took possession of him, and "while sitting under a tree still standing near his father's house, he resolved to go to college." His aim was to be a lawyer, but God had a different work for him, and made him

a subject of grace while in college, and then he chose the ministry. He had an honorable standing and graduation at Dartmouth in 1823. He married Miss Nancy A. Murdock of Norwich, January 7, 1827. They had five children, one son and four daughters. His longest term of ministerial service was in Hartland. While there, in 1834, he was chosen a trustee of Dartmouth College, which office he filled more than thirty years, and he ranked among the most able and judicious guardians of that institution. He left Hartland to fill the secretaryship of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society. He served the society with ability, but not long, and then settled as pastor in Haverhill, N. H. After a few years, he changed to North Haverhill, and from that place he went back again to Hartland. Here he labored until he was invited to Strafford, where he spent a few years, and vacated the field, but was soon recalled to perform important funeral services, and was re-engaged and continued a few years longer, until the infirmities of age began to be heavy upon him. His family had removed to Amherst, Mass., on his first leaving Strafford. He was disinclined to a place where there were many ex-ministers, and spent very little time there. His wife died December, 1867, at Amherst, while he was in Ohio visiting friends. This sad intelligence seemed to hasten the decay of both mental and bodily power. A marked gradual failure was now intensified, and he was brought back to Williamstown to enjoy the scenes of his childhood and have the kind attentions of his only sister. He died May 24th, aged eighty-two. Mr. Delano had a fine physique, a pleasant face, a high forehead, a sharp eye, and an erect attitude. His manner was peculiar, wholly his own, so nearly odd as to be noticeable. His utterance was very prompt, and his style laconic and epigrammatic. His conversation was always lively and sharp, if not witty. He was studious, and his preparations fresh, up to the end of his pulpit labors. His discourses were eminently scriptural, showing a thorough acquaintance with the institutions of both the Old Testament and the New. He was orthodox, conscientious, judicious and faithful. He was logical, earnest, original, and often decidedly eloquent. He at times reached a height and a power in discourse equaled only by few. He abhorred place-seeking; he sympathized deeply with the weak churches, and toiled on with great economy and self-denial, content with a meagre support. He felt that God had assigned him the work of preaching the gospel, and however small the pay, and even though bonds and afflictions were added, he must be true to his trust. Thus he unfalteringly persevered to four-score years, and has gone to his reward, honored, trusted, loved, by those who knew him best.

NATHANIEL PORTER GILBERT was the fourth of seven sons and three daughters of Dea. Simeon Gilbert and Margaret (Ingersol) Gilbert of Pittsford, where he was born Feb. 28, 1831. He was early converted and most conscientious in the duties of boyhood and youth. He prepared for college at Castleton Seminary, and graduated at the University of Vermont in 1854, and at Andover Theological Seminary in 1859. Consecrating himself to the work of preaching the gospel to the destitute, he was ordained a missionary, at Rutland, July 18, 1860; Rev. Dr. E. N. Kirk of Boston preaching the ordination sermon. In the fall of the year 1861 he married Mary P., daughter of Prof. Joseph Perkins of Castleton, and sailed under the appointment of the American and Foreign Christian Union for Callao, the seaport of Lima (capital of Peru), where he preached both in English and German. In October, 1861, he went to Santiago, the capital of Chili and "the queen city of South America." Here he labored about ten years (from 1861 to 1871), preaching at first in English, and for the last six years in Spanish. He was the first to preach the gospel in Spanish in the republic of Chili. Here he gathered a congregation and organized the first Chilian church. He was also the first to visit Talca and preach there the gospel in Spanish. This he did in the face of much opposition and personal danger. Here also a successful mission was established, which he left in charge of a native pastor.

Mr. Gilbert returned to the United States November 14, 1871, and was appointed District Secretary of the American and Foreign Christian Union for New England, which office he held until the work of the Union was given up to the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions in 1873. He was acting pastor in Clarendon for a little more than one year from the winter of 1874–5. He closed his ministry in Clarendon, and returned to Peru in the spring of 1875, acting for a few months as agent for a business firm in Boston, yet preaching as time allowed. Returning from Peru, he was acting pastor in Hubbardton from January, 1876, till his death. He died at Hubbardton very suddenly from congestive chills and fever, July 1, 1876, aged forty-five years, four months and eleven days; leaving his wife and five daughters, each of whom was born in a foreign land.

Mr. Gilbert was a singularly guileless man and devoted minister. While in Chili, he published *Devocionario para Todos Los Dias de la Semana* (Book of Prayer for Every Day of the Week). His name will ever be associated with the evangelization and reformation of Chili.

CHAUNCEY HENRY HUBBARD was the only son of Dea. Boardman and Olive (Porter) Hubbard. He was born in Middletown,

Conn., Feb. 10, 1819. In 1822 the family removed to Springfield, Mass. Mr. Hubbard was fitted for college at Monson Academy, and graduated at Yale College in 1840. He spent one year also in Yale Theological Seminary, class of 1845. He was acting pastor in Stanwich Parish, Greenwich, Conn., one year—from January, 1845, to January, 1846. He was ordained pastor of the Presbyterian church of Sandlake, N. Y., January 12, 1848, and dismissed October 22, 1850. He was acting pastor of the Second Church in Bennington from May, 1851, to January, 1872. Continuing to reside at Bennington from the cessation of his ministry there, he remained without charge, ministering, however, as opportunity offered, till his death. He died August 22, 1876, aged fifty-seven years, six months and twelve days.

Our Rev. brother was a minister of commanding presence, genial and affable in social life; of clear and firm grasp of evangelical doctrine and practice. He had a useful and successful ministry, and died in the bosom of his family and the community where he had so long ministered, greatly lamented.

Mr. Hubbard married Martha Elizabeth, daughter of Sylvester and Catherine (Prindle) Norton of Troy, N. Y., April 25, 1854, by whom he had one son, deceased in 1861. Mrs. Hubbard still survives her husband.

Rev. WILLIAM HAYES LORD was born in Amherst, N. H., March 11, 1824. He was the fifth son of Rev. Nathan Lord, D. D., soon afterwards elected president of Dartmouth College. His mother's name was Elizabeth King Lealand. He entered Dartmouth College at the age of fifteen, and was graduated in the class of 1843. During his senior year in college he gave his heart to Christ and took a decided stand as a Christian. He immediately resolved to devote his life to the work of the ministry, and entered the Theological Seminary at Andover, where he was graduated in 1846. By invitation, he commenced preaching to the Congregational Church in Montpelier, Vt., in January, 1847, accepted an invitation to settle, and was ordained and installed pastor of the church, September 22, 1847. After an illness of about five weeks, he died March 18, 1877, having been pastor of the church in Montpelier for thirty years. Dr. Lord, by common consent, stood at the head of the ministers in the State as a writer and preacher. He had a fine personal appearance; was a man of wide reading: a clear and independent thinker, of rare logical and rhetorical powers. His diction was chaste, felicitous and impressive. He easily gained the attention of his hearers and carried them along with him by the force and warmth, often by the grandeur, of his thoughts. He loved to write and to preach, and regarded this

as the great work of the minister. His faith in the Word of God and the doctrines of grace, as received by our old school New England theologians, was strong, and he delighted to hold them forth as instinct with the wisdom, love and mercy of God. He was a man of unusual social gifts, being easy and courteous in his bearing, adapting himself to men of all classes, and of ready wit. He had a large acquaintance with men outside of his profession, was often consulted by them on affairs and questions of public interest, and showed himself possessed of unusual foresight, good judgment and knowledge of men and things. He was by nature conservative, decided in his views and fearless in uttering them on all proper occasions. He was a man of strong local attachments, and clung to the church of his first and only ministry, though he had several urgent and attractive calls elsewhere. He was greatly respected and loved by his people, to whom he had ministered for almost a generation. He received the honorary degree of D. D. from his Alma Mater. Several of his occasional sermons were published. He wrote for the Princeton *Review;* also for the *Vermont Watchman.* For more than two years he was one of the editors of *The Vermont Chronicle,* in which department he exhibited a rare facility in handling questions of current interest. Dr. Lord was married June 1, 1848, to Miss Harriet Adams, daughter of Hon. John Aiken of Andover, Mass., who survives him with five children.

Rev. SEWALL PAINE was born in Leicester, Mass., November 1, 1806. His parents were William and Relief (Ward) Paine. He fitted for college at Bloomfield and Farmington, Maine; was graduated at Bowdoin College in 1835, and at Bangor Theological Seminary in 1838. He was licensed to preach at Bangor by the Penobscot Association in December, 1837. He began to labor in Montgomery in March, 1842, and was there ordained and installed pastor of the Congregational church, February 22, 1843, Rev. Preston Taylor, then of East Berkshire, preaching the sermon. He continued to hold this relation until March 12, 1872, when he was formally dismissed by Council. For six years previous he had been disabled from active labor by ill health. He continued to reside in Montgomery until his death, which took place March 4, 1877, at the age of seventy years, four months and three days. His wife was Ann P. Burr, of Mercer, Maine.

Mr. Paine was a man of well-formed theological views, of the Old School New England type. He was an instructive and edifying preacher, a sympathizing and faithful pastor, and highly esteemed by those who knew him. He bore his long-continued ill health with patience and Christian fortitude. After he was laid

aside from preaching, he became a model parishioner, and, by his wise counsels, prayers, and active co-operation, did much to strengthen and give continued life to the little church he so loved.

JOSEPH UNDERWOOD was the ninth of ten children of John and Mary (Fassett) Underwood, who were among the earliest settlers of Bradford, Vt., and was born in Bradford, October 2, 1796. At the age of eighteen he was apprenticed to the jeweler's trade, at Putney, Vt., and was there hopefully converted in a revival in the winter of 1815–16. He immediately turned his purpose to the ministry, and in June, 1817, began to study at Kimball Union Academy, Meriden, N. H., where he remained three years, and afterwards spent one year at Chesterfield Academy, N. H., and then went directly to Bangor Theological Seminary, and was graduated in 1824. March 7, 1826, he was ordained and installed at New Sharon, Maine, and during his pastorate was the judicious leader in a remarkable temperance reform, accompanied by an equally remarkable revival of religion, which reached all denominations, and numbered converts by hundreds. He was dismissed November 16, 1831. He then labored under the direction of the Maine Missionary Society, in Sebee, in 1832–33, being there instrumental in organizing a church. October 16, 1833, he was installed over the church in Williamsburgh, Maine—sermon by Rev. Silas McKeen. He was dismissed August 5, 1835, and then returned to New Sharon, and was acting pastor until September, 1839. He then removed to western New York, and was installed over the Presbyterian church in Veteran (Millport), February 28, 1841. He was dismissed after a brief but successful pastorate. In January, 1845, he began to preach at Hardwick, Vt., where he was installed December 18, 1846. In the autumn of 1857 he resigned his charge, on account of feeble health, and was dismissed February 2, 1858. He was then stated supply, for longer or shorter periods, successively, in Walden, Craftsbury, Barnet, East St. Johnsbury, Barton, Guildhall, Waterford and Burke, and after closing his engagement of two years in the latter place in 1872, retired wholly from ministerial labor to his home in Hardwick, where he died July 27, 1876, in his eightieth year. He was greatly respected and beloved, and was three times chosen representative of the town of Hardwick in the State legislature—in 1856, and also in 1868 and 1869. He possessed the rare facility of condensation and directness of speech; was conservative and sound in belief, yet never afraid of the new, and a thorough patriot and reformer as well as Christian minister. He was married February 17, 1825, to Lucy Warner Tuel, of Chesterfield, N. H., and but a little more than a year before his death celebrated his golden wedding, at Hardwick.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT.

Measured in either of two ways, the interest of the Congregational churches of Vermont in their Sabbath schools seems to be increasing rather than diminishing. Nobody now thinks of openly questioning the importance of Biblical instruction or the suitableness of the Sabbath schools for giving such instruction. Indeed, some good people have made these schools a kind of fetich, the sacredness of which is carefully to be guarded, and good results of which are certain in spite of all the faults that may appear to eyes of unsympathizing critics. Others again have lost if they ever possessed any clear ideas of what Sabbath schools may reasonably be expected to accomplish. It is therefore pleasant to find that our churches believe in Sabbath schools and are making efforts to improve them.

The first of the ways in which we may measure the amount and intelligence of the interest felt in this subject is by tracing the history of the place occupied by Sabbath schools in recent years in the meetings of the General Convention. Nine years ago, in the Convention at Brandon, a Sabbath-school Secretary was, so far as I can discover, appointed for the first time. Rev. P. F. Barnard, now of Westminster, was the first appointed. His report was read and accepted at the next meeting of the Convention. Rev. W. S. Hazen of Northfield filled the office for the next three years. In 1871, there was a Sunday-school anniversary, at which the report was read and remarks were made by several brethren. In 1872, the report was printed in the Minutes for the first time. It was voted that the same thing should be done in 1873, but for some reason the report does not appear in the Minutes. In 1874, the Secretary, Rev. W. S. Palmer, then of Wells River, read a report, which was printed in the Minutes. In 1875, no report seems to have been printed, but several resolutions proposed by the Secretary, — who was, for that and the succeeding year, Rev. P. B. Fisk, now of Springfield, — were adopted by the Convention. Last year the report and also a summary of the statistics were printed in the Minutes. It thus evidently appears that though the annual report of Sabbath schools has not yet found its permanent and most appropriate place in our State gatherings, yet on

the whole it has been advancing to a more and more prominent place. I venture to suggest the uniting of this office with that of the Corresponding Secretary.

Another evidence of increasing interest may be found in the increasing completeness of the statistics collected by the secretaries. Much is due to the energy of the registers of Conferences and the Corresponding Secretary of the Convention. In 1872, three years after the first appointment of a Sabbath-school Secretary, when the first report was printed, only ninety-four schools reported themselves, and even their returns were very imperfect. Two years later, when the next report was printed, there were returns from one hundred and eleven schools. Two years later still, that is in 1876, one hundred and sixty-two schools were reported with tolerable fullness; while this year the total is carried up to one hundred and seventy-two, which are in respect to everything but their finances quite fully reported. This leaves only twenty-six towns having Congregational churches unreported; while one town — that of Corinth — has two Sabbath schools; and Orange, which has a Sabbath school, has been organized as a church within the past year. Eight of the twenty-six unreported churches are small or nearly extinct, and have no Sabbath schools. These are Addison, Bristol, (with a church membership of fifty-one,) Jericho 2d, (uniting with another church in Sabbath-school work,) Hydepark, with twenty members, Vershire, Barnard, Weathersfield East and Bridgewater. It seems strange, however, that two of these churches, one of them having fifty-one members, should have no Sabbath school. This leaves eighteen Sabbath schools, supposed to exist, of which nothing has been learned. This list has now grown so small that it may properly be given. McIndoes Falls, which ought to have a good Sabbath school; St. Johnsbury First; two Underhill churches, one of which, however, seems to have no church members; Bakersfield, with one hundred and twenty-one church members; North Hydepark, perhaps nearly extinct; Brighton; Troy; Warren; Dover; Guilford East; Londonderry; Marlboro; Stratton; Plymouth; Rochester; Royalton, with one hundred and thirty-one church members, and Weathersfield Centre. Six of these churches may have no Sabbath school, or at least none separate from other organizations. Seven of these are in Windham and Windsor counties. Perhaps we might estimate the membership of these twelve schools at eight hundred. The aggregate membership of the schools reported is twenty-two thousand seven hundred and sixty-five, and the probable membership of all our schools is about twenty-three thousand five hundred, in a total of one hundred and eighty-four schools. This number does not agree with that of the Secretary

of the churches, but shows an appropriate increase over the Sunday-school Secretary's report for last year. Although it is not safe to make comparisons with the returns of the Minutes, yet, judging from the history of the Rutland Conference, which is distinct upon this point, there has been a considerable increase of membership within the past ten or fifteen years. It has been recommended to the Sabbath schools by previous secretaries that branch or mission schools should be established in the outskirts of the various towns. Certainly that would be a most effective mode of carrying the gospel to these neglected places, and withal a very practicable one, yet for some reason the plan does not seem to meet with much favor. Six schools of this kind were reported last year. This year there are eight, but four of them are maintained by a single church — that of Bridport. Here is room for great advances in the coming years. We must not permit the out-districts to relapse into practical atheism, and every neighborhood Sabbath school or prayer meeting is a stronghold against such calamity.

Another matter frequently spoken of in former years seems not to be greatly changed. It is that of irregularity in attendance. I find the average attendance to be twelve thousand and seventy-one, which is only fifty-three per cent. of the enrollment. Once before it was reported at fifty-seven per cent. and again it fell below fifty, but it remains in the neighborhood of fifty per cent. That is, only half of each school is present every Sunday. Now a Sabbath school is in many respects like a common school, and the fact that the Bible is its text book secures it exemption in no degree from the injuries other schools suffer from irregularity of attendance. Secular schools of the best sort frequently attain an attendance of ninety per cent. for years together, and we ought not and must not be satisfied with fifty per cent. It is true there are difficulties to be overcome that are very serious, and some that are insuperable, but I am persuaded that a great improvement will take place whenever we all, pastors, superintendents, teachers and parents, come to understand thoroughly that successful study of the Bible and of any other text book must be made continuous. All skillful teachers know the value of frequent reviews from week to week and from quarter to quarter, but reviews are almost impossible unless there can be a greater degree of regularity than seems now to exist. I suspect this evil is worse in classes of adults than in those composed of children. If this be so, there is a special need of pressing home upon all the idea that the Sunday school is a school with a course of study, and certain definite objects to attain, which objects are pretty much lost by everybody who comes into a class two or three or half a dozen times a quarter. In this

connection, too, one other remark may be hazarded. The children ought to be brought into Sunday school precisely as they are brought into other schools. It would be as reasonable to expect a teacher in a secular school to please her scholars so much that they will choose to attend school, and to depend upon this motive alone, as to expect the same thing of her in Sunday school. Parental authority must be the rock upon which all education of children rests, and that rock must be at least as solid and visible a foundation for Sunday school work among children as for any other kind of education. The children are to be pleased if that is practicable, but instructed in any event.

The reports of conversions, or rather of transfers from the Sunday school into the church, are less satisfactory than last year, yet better than in any other recent year. Eight hundred and fifty-five additions to the churches from the Sunday school, or two thirds of the whole number, are reported, while the number last year was one thousand two hundred and sixty-three. Some might think this an unfavorable feature of Sunday school work for the past year, and so it is in a certain sense. Whenever that work is effectively done, where the tide of religious life rises it will fill all its channels about equally, and the churches may be expected to grow. Yet we shall, as I think, make a serious mistake if we suppose that Sunday schools ought to aim directly at conversions. Their special function, let us not forget, is to teach the Bible. The Bible is the Sword of the Spirit, and we may expect the Spirit to use that sword for the overthrow of sin and the building up of righteousness. It is also true that a Sunday school teacher occupies a most favorable position for co-working with the Spirit in bringing about conversions. Doubtless there are times when a Sunday-school session may profitably be turned into a revival meeting. But we must not deal deceitfully, even with the best intentions, with the Word of God, or with a school for its study. When, for instance, we have a Scripture lesson that is doctrinal, or historical, or ethical, it is our main business to set forth that truth, whatever it be, and as it is, making use of it for purposes of illustration even only when it is really suitable. We have no other equally good means of teaching the morals or the doctrines of the Scriptures, and these means ought not to be perverted. If there ever occur conversions in the Sabbath schools we rejoice, but we do not measure the success of Sabbath schools in this way.

In respect to the composition of our schools the statistics are somewhat imperfect. It was attempted to discover what proportion were children and youth and what proportion were church members. Nine thousand one hundred pupils are reported as under twenty years of age, but that number ought perhaps to be increased

to nearly ten thousand, or forty-two per cent. Church members reported in Sabbath schools last year were seven thousand two hundred and sixty — this year eight thousand one hundred and seventy, and these figures should be raised to nearly nine thousand, or a little over half of the resident membership of the churches. I submit whether this last fact does not reveal a serious fault in our churches. Surely more than one fourth of our church members ought to be in the Bible school every Sunday, if this school be the best practicable place to learn doctrine and morals. Yet after all there has been so great an improvement in this respect in recent years that we may properly rejoice more than lament. Outside the larger villages a good proportion of the congregations seem to be members of the Sabbath schools, although taking the State as a whole, little more than half of the church members are even enrolled in the Sabbath schools. I find forty teachers' meetings reported. Last year there were thirty-nine, and in 1874 there were forty-two. It thus appears that just about forty such meetings are maintained year by year. It does certainly seem very strange, as a former Secretary has remarked, that so many Sabbath schools should be content to go on year after year without teachers' meetings. Just about three fourths of our schools seem to suppose that it is either undesirable or impossible to give any direction to the teachers in their work. It is difficult to see why all, or a very large proportion of the schools should not have vigorous teachers' meetings. Apparently the trouble cannot be the smallness of the schools or the dispersion of the teachers over a whole township. Such small, scattered towns as Weston and Jamaica and Rupert and Roxbury and Brownington and Greensboro seem to be able to maintain them, while even so large villages as Middlebury and St. Albans, and so large a school as the St. Johnsbury South, with three hundred and fifty pupils, seem to be without them. Five out of eleven Bennington county Sabbath schools and seven in Windsor county have teachers' meetings, while there seems not to be a single one in Franklin and Grand Isle counties. If some of those towns I have mentioned having comparatively small and feeble churches and schools can support teachers' meetings, then it is safe to say all can with a determined effort. Sometimes the superintendent is the man to conduct these meetings, and conduct them with admirable success; but whenever the minister has any aptness as a teacher, there is, I believe, no place except the pulpit itself where he ought so much to desire to be as in the teachers' meeting. If any direction is to be given to the Bible education of the people it may best be done there, far better than in the Sabbath school itself, or even the pulpit. It will not do to depend on the lesson papers, whether in or out of the newspapers, valuable as

some of them are. There ought to be that comparison and sifting of different exegetical ideas which is attainable only in the teachers' meeting.

A minister can have a true school of the prophets in his teachers' meeting, if he will, where even better, I believe, than by the catechetical instruction of our fathers, he can shape the religious education of his people. At any rate, the thing is worth trying, and ought not to be put aside unattempted. I find that ninety of our ministers are reported as teachers in the Sunday-school, against seventy-five last year, thirteen of them being superintendents as well, while fourteen help in other ways by summing up the lesson, making an address or offering a prayer. This leaves about forty ministers whose only relation to the Sunday-school may be inferred from such phrases as "has a general interest," "attends occasionally," etc. We may infer from these facts that the ministers are interesting themselves more and more in the Sunday-schools. In this matter two great differences appear in different conferences. Rutland, for instance, reports thirteen out of her fifteen ministers as teachers, while Orange reports five ministers as teachers and three as helping in other ways, making only eight who seem to have any active connection with her twenty-one schools. Yet, as I have already intimated, it seems to me far more important that the minister should conduct the teachers' meeting than that he should have any other relation whatever to the Sunday-school, and it may be well that his strength should be expended otherwise than in teaching a class.

According to the reports, six thousand one hundred and nineteen dollars and seventeen cents have been raised by our Sunday-schools during the year past. This is less by two hundred dollars than was reported last year, but some or all of this diminution is to be accounted for by the increasing prevalence of the weekly offering system, which in many cases is so administered that the Sunday-schools, as such, raise no money. It occurs to me that we ought to be sure that the children generally contribute in the envelopes, if we are to give up the taking of collections in the Sunday-schools. Giving is a thing to be taught; and, generally, faithful giving in manhood follows careful training in childhood. The sum raised for school expenses this year is three thousand five hundred and fifty-five dollars and sixty-two cents, or four hundred and thirty dollars more than last year, if the reports are correct, while benevolent contributions are two thousand one hundred and seventy-six dollars and thirty-eight cents, or three hundred and sixty dollars less than last year. Nearly sixty per cent. of the entire receipts this year were absorbed by home expenses of one sort and another. No trustworthy indications have been

given as to the sub-division of home expenses. Nearly one thousand dollars are reported as given for libraries, and two hundred and twenty-two dollars for lesson papers, but by far the greater number of reports fail to distinguish their items. It would be worth while to discover, if it could be done, what is the judgment of the Sunday-school workers as to the advisability of having libraries. One thousand four hundred and fifty dollars were given to the various missionary societies, and seven hundred dollars to special objects, such as mission schools in various parts of the world.

And now, in closing this report, brethren, permit me to say that I am by no means satisfied with the plans I have chosen, or with my success in carrying them out. May I very heartily thank the Register of Conference and the Corresponding Secretary for their efficient aid in collecting reports, which are much fuller than ever before. In other and more competent hands our Sunday-school reports may, doubtless, be made fruitful of good in many ways. But even now our feeling may properly be one of thankfulness on the present prosperity of our Sunday-schools, as revealed in these reports. It is a very significant fact that every Sunday throughout the year, more than twelve thousand persons may be found, not merely reading or reciting, but studying the Bible. The two directions wherein our most earnest efforts should just now be made are the securing of still greater regularity of attendance, and the maintenance of many more teachers' meetings. The Sunday-school work is of the first importance, and it deserves all the prominence we give it, if it be indeed the training school for the church. We need abundant ministrations of the Holy Ghost, the Guide of the church, to the end that we may continue faithful to the Scriptures through the generations yet to come.

R. T. HALL.

STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES.

THE STATISTICAL YEAR ENDS THE FIRST SABBATH IN MAY.

1. ADDISON CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. E. P. HOOKER.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Acting Pas.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min. Commenced.	Church Memb'rs.				Admitted.			Removed.				Bap'ms.		Sab. School.	Benevolent Contributions.							Families.	Average Congreg'on.
						Male.	Fem.	Total.	Absent.	Prof.	Let.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Exc.	Total.	Adult.	Infant.		College and Educa'n.	Home Missions.	A. M. A.	Foreign.	A. C. U.	All Others.	Total Contrib.		
Addison.....	1801	Vacant.	.....	.....	.....	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0	0	0
Bridport,	1790	W.W.Winchester,	P.	1854	1867	66	109	175	46	5	2	7	3	1	0	4	4	0	350	0	2069.35	13.00	1214.75	0	2038.29	395.89	200	200
Bristol,	1805	Vacant.	.....	.....	.....	20	30	50	13	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	4.00	1.00	0	110.00	0	0	115.00	.....	.....
Cornwall,	1785	S. W. Magill,	P.	1837	1867	54	106	160	31	5	3	8	2	1	0	3	5	1	240	0	78.00	43.30	138.81	0	20.00	280.11	90	150
Ferrisburgh,	1824	L. Phelps,	A. P.	.....	1877	14	27	41	5	0	0	0	2	4	0	6	0	0	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	60
Middlebury,	1790	E. P. Hooker,	P.	1861	1870	149	252	401	61	5	3	8	12	8	0	20	3	2	327	17.77	125.19	68.50	186.88	7.26	671.53	1077.13	228	301
New Haven,	1800	S. Knowlton,	P.	1865	1872	98	177	275	30	25	0	25	1	3	0	4	14	3	123	21.00	144.60	42.00	275 48	15.00	100.00	607.48	120	160
Orwell,	1789	M. L. Severance,	P.	1864	1869	75	112	187	33	10	2	12	3	1	0	4	8	3	256	0	147.70	57.48	168.65	0	59 25	433.08	175	150
Ripton,	1828	C. H. Kent,	P.	1828	1861	26	37	63	16	2	1	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	40	20 00	36.00	28.74	26.34	30.00	0	140.08	30	45
Salisbury,	1804	F. Janes,	A. P.	1837	1877	21	43	64	7	15	0	15	0	1	0	1	.....	0	112	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	51	90
Shoreham,	1784	W. N. Bacon,	P.	1859	1864	29	76	105	12	9	0	9	3	1	0	4	8	1	75	0	25.50	0	85.00	0	90.00	200.50	64	110
Vergennes,	1793	Geo. E. Hall,	P.	1875	1877	77	145	222	30	5	2	7	1	1	0	2	0	0	136	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	200.00	80	225
Weybridge,	1794	C. B. Hulbert,	A. P.	1859	1876	33	55	88	13	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	2	100	0	40.00	0	40.55	0	30.00	110.55	30	77
Whiting,	1809	G A. Flower,	A. P.	.....	1877	3	8	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	0	5.00	7.00	0	0	12.00	24.00	25	50
14		8 Pastors, 4 A. P.				606	1178	1844	297	81	13	94	30	23	0	53	37	12	1861	$62.77	$2662.34	$260.02	$2245.46	$52.26	$3221.07	$8513.32	1123	1618

Ministers without charge—Eben Smith, Middlebury; Stillman Morgan, Bristol.

Dismissed—William P. Aiken.

Licentiates—Prof. Solon Albee, Prof. Ezra Brainerd, Prof. McGregor Means, Middlebury.

Register of Conference—E. P. Hooker, Middlebury.

Time of meeting of Conference—Third Tuesday in December.

Contributions to Con. Pub.—New Haven, $9.40.

2. BENNINGTON CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. P. S. PRATT.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Acting Pas.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min. Commenced.	Church Memb'rs.				Admitted.			Removed.				Bap'ms.		Sab. School.	Benevolent Contributions.								Families.	Average Congreg'on.
						Male.	Fem.	Total.	Absent.	Prof.	Let.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Exc.	Total.	Adult.	Infant.		College and Educa'n.	Home Missions	A. M. A.	Foreign.	A. C. U.	All Others.	Total Contrib.			
Arlington, E.	1843	J. C. McCollom,	A. P.	1869	1873	10	40	50	8	0	0	0	1	4	0	5	0	0	69	$ 0	$ 6.00	$.....	$.....	$	$	$ 6.00	60	100
Bennington 1st	1762	Isaac Jennings,	P.	1843	1853	59	115	174	50	6	0	6	1	0	0	1	4	3	160	10.00	89.29	.....	245.00	.....	45.04	389.33	....	....
Bennington 2d,	1836	Edward G. Read,	P.	1865	1875	61	165	226	26	26	9	35	2	1	0	3	16	5	279	17.49	174.87	86.14	286.30	16.79	86.84	667.43	126	275
Benningt'n No	1868	L. C. Partridge,	A. P.	1860	1875	25	41	66	17	9	4	13	1	0	0	1	3	3	104	.....	.....	.....	28.12	.....	14.78	42.90	42	107
Dorset,	1784	Parsons S. Pratt,	P.	1847	1856	35	87	122	8	3	1	4	3	5	0	8	2	2	178	0	45.00	25.96	92.10	0	38.17	201.25	113	150
Dorset East,	1867	S. Gardiner, Meth.	A. P.	.....	1877	1	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	60	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	70
Manchester,	1784	R. S. Cushman,	P.	1843	1862	90	150	240	14	15	4	19	7	5	0	12	14	5	251	13.91	105.80	43 67	278.28	0	95.02	536.68	75	205
Peru,	1807	Charles Rockwell,	A. P.	1834	1876	41	62	103	29	3	0	3	3	0	0	3	2	0	150	0	0	0	.....	0	0	20.00	80	150
Pownal North,	1851	J. L. Cook, Meth.	A. P.	1848	1868	5	13	18	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	105	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	37	....
Rupert,	1786	A. B. Lambert,	A. P.	1837	1874	20	40	60	8	1	2	3	1	0	0	1	0	2	125	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	150.00	65	120
Sandgate,	1782	G. H. Townsend,	A. P.	....	1877	4	6	10	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	60
11		4 Pastors, 7 A. P.				351	722	1073	170	63	20	83	19	16	0	35	41	20	1526	$41.40	$420.96	$155.79	$929.80	$16.79	$278.85	$2013.59	636	1237

Ministers without charge—James Anderson, J. D. Wickham, D. D., Manchester.

Deceased—Chauncey H. Hubbard, Bennington, Aug. 22, 1876; Rufus S. Cushman, D. D., Manchester, May 18, 1877.

Licentiate—Prof. Henry H. Shaw, Manchester.

Register of Conference—Rev. P. S. Pratt.

Time of Meeting of Conference—Last Tuesday in May, 1878.

3. CALEDONIA CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. C. W. THOMPSON.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Acting Pas.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min. Commenced.	Church Memb'rs.				Admitted.			Removed.				Bap'ms.		Sab. School.	Benevolent Contributions.							Families.	Average Congregation.
						Male.	Fem.	Total.	Absent.	Prof.	Let.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Exc.	Total.	Adult.	Inf.		College and Educa'n.	Home Missions	A. M. A.	Foreign.	A. C. U.	All Others.	Total Contrib.		
Barnet,	1858	N. R. Nichols,	P.	1872	1873	42	74	116	8	1	1	2	1	10	4	15	1	10	150	$ 10.22	$ 59.00	$ 47.49	$ 154.24	$ 9.50	$ 19.50	$ 299.95	95	133
Burke East,	1807	M. A. Gates,	A. P.	1858	1876	22	36	58	10	11	1	12	1	0	0	1	8	0	73	0	15.00	0	17.00	0	24.00	56.00	23	75
Cabot,	1801	B. S. Adams,	P.	1871	1871	44	84	128	28	1	1	2	6	1	0	7	1	0	122	0	7.50	11 60	40.95	0	25.00	85.02	85	131
Danville,	1782	C.W. Thompson,	P.	1869	1869	45	83	128	11	0	5	5	3	2	0	5	0	0	120	10.00	33.00	20.00	69.65	0	87.50	219.15	90	130
Hardwick,	1803	A. A. Baker,	A. P.	1854	1876	61	104	165	22	14	1	15	1	1	0	2	14	1	149	256.00	13.00	102.50	82.24	0	287.10	740.84	75	100
Kirby,	1877	M. A. Gates,	A. P.	1868	1876	12	9	21	0	10	11	21	0	0	0	0	3	0	40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lyndon,	1817	Wm. P. Bennett,	A. P.	1870	1875	22	69	91	30	1	1	2	1	6	0	7	0	2	195	.....	22.90	.....	27.56	.....	7.31	57.77	100	125
Lyndonville,	1870	Wm. P. Bennett,	A. P.	1870	1875	29	67	96	18	5	3	8	2	5	0	7	5	1	172	.....	.....	.....	27.16	.....	.....	.....	140	135
McIndoes,	1829	J. L. Litch,	A. P.	1867	1873	28	102	130	20	0	2	2	1	0	0	1	0	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	70	145
Peacham,	1794	A. W. Wild,	P.	1864	1873	59	149	208	28	2	0	2	2	1	1	4	2	0	175	30.00	159.68	44.65	246.25	0	102.57	583.15	96	200
St. Johnsb'y 1st	1809	R. S. Cross,	A. P.	1876	1876	28	62	90	49	0	1	1	1	1	0	2	0	1	96	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25.00	50	100
St Johnsb'y No	1825	H. W. Jones,	P.	1866	1875	147	250	397	70	10	13	23	9	19	0	28	2	8	320	70.79	524.61	319.02	1179.90	87.87	5441.26	7623.45	161	291
St. Johnsb'y E.	1840	J. P. Humphrey,	P.	1847	1868	47	85	132	27	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	150	0	70.25	30.00	100.00	0	8.73	208.98	79	115
St Johnsb'y So.	1851	E. T. Fairbanks,	P.	1868	1874	169	238	407	50	9	10	19	9	12	0	21	5	5	346	873.20	2065.31	42.50	2527.58	61.90	669.36	6239.80	186	386
Waterford,	1798	M. H. Wells,	P.	1845	1871	66	86	152	53	5	0	5	4	4	0	8	5	5	110	0	22.88	29.25	80.72	0	16.44	149.29	55	....
15		8 Pastors, 5 A. P.				821	1498	2319	424	69	59	119	41	63	5	109	46	36	2109	$1250.21	$2993.13	$647.01	$4553.20	$159.27	$6488.77	$14288.40	1305	2766

Ministers without charge—M. B. Bradford, McIndoes; W. W. Thayer, Henry Fairbanks, H. T. Fuller, St. Johnsbury.

Deceased—Joseph Underwood, East Hardwick, July 27, 1876.

Ordained—R. S. Cross, St. Johnsbury Center, Oct. 18, 1876.

Register of Conference—C. W. Thompson.

Time of Meeting of Conference—Second Tuesday in June.

4. CHITTENDEN CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. G. B. SAFFORD.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Assist. Pas.	ORDAINED.	Present Min. Commenced.	Church Memb'rs.				Admitted.			Removed.				Bap'ms.		Sab. School.	Benevolent Contributions.							Families.	Average Congregation.
						Males.	Fem.	Total.	Absent.	Prof.	Let.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Exc.	Total.	Adult.	Infant.		College and Educa'n.	Home Missions	A. M. A.	Foreign.	A. C. U.	All Others.	Total Contrib.		
Burlington 1st,	1805	L. O. Brastow,	P.	1861	1873	171	225	396	100	5	11	16	6	6	0	12	2	6	232	0	$273.46	$107.49	$330.39	$16.14	$96.82	$824.30	180	400
Burlington 3d,	1860	G. B. Safford,	P.	1858	1860	44	102	146	30	2	10	12	3	2	0	5	0	0	144	0	210.41	25.00	184.00	15.00	25.00	459.41	75	250
Charlotte,	1792	C. C. Torrey,	P.	1855	1871	40	70	110	3	0	0	0	2	2	0	4	0	0	118	$10.00	33.00	23.00	45.00	0	28.00	139.00	60	125
Colchester,	1804	A. S. Barton,	A. P.	1862	1877	9	51	60	13	1	2	3	0	2	0	2	1	0	81	0	32.00	2.00	18.00	0	20.00	72.00	34	80
Essex Centre,	1791	John Cowan,	A. P.	1875	1875	31	67	98	30	1	1	2	5	1	0	6	1	1	110	0	36.30	0	63.18	0	0	99.48	35	75
Essex June.	1869	John Cowan,	A. P.	1875	1876	15	35	50	13	1	0	1	2	7	0	9	0	0	252	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	100
Hinesburgh,	1789	C. E. Ferrin,	P.	1851	1853	25	66	91	37	0	0	0	0	4	0	4	0	0	80	0	0	0	10.00	0	0	10.00	45	50
Jericho 1st,	1791	Austin Hazen,	A. P.	1860	1864	29	53	82	15	4	0	4	2	4	0	6	3	6	228	0	30.00	5.00	60.00	0	30.00	125.00	75	126
Jericho 2d,	1826	Vacant.	.....	...	....	13	37	50	2	8	4	12	0	2	0	2	5	1	55	0	10.35	12.00	54.70	0	20.65	97.70	35	0
Milton,	1804	J. H. Woodward,	A. P.	1837	1869	22	40	62	3	1	2	3	1	0	0	1	1	0	157	0	12.35	0	79.31	0	23.18	114.84	46	100
Milton West,	1853	J. H. Woodward,	A. P.	....	...	9	13	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	45
Richmond,	1801	Austin Hazen,	A. P.	1860	1875	7	28	35	12	1	0	1	2	0	0	2	1	0	75	0	0	0	23.00	0	31.00	54.00	50	77
S. Hero & G. I.	1795	O. G. Wheeler,	P.	1849	1849	25	70	95	13	22	0	22	0	1	0	1	26	0	54	0	0	0	96.00	0	11.00	107.00	57	75
Underhill,	1801	J. D. Emerson,	A. P.	1858	1876	35	43	78	13	30	4	34	2	9	0	11	16	0	180	0	16.00	0	0	0	0	16.00	75	130
Westford,	1801	G. P. Byington,	A. P.	1868	1869	31	78	109	14	4	4	8	3	1	1	5	3	2	175	0	22.00	11.00	69.00	0	54.00	156.00	70	130
Williston,	1813	Vacant.	.....	....	....	19	48	67	15	1	0	1	1	1	0	2	0	2	52	0	271.52	500.00	664.59	0	0	1436.11	24	50
Winooski,	1836	C. E. Steele,	A. P.	1876	1876	12	50	62	20	1	5	6	2	5	0	7	0	1	103	0	0	3.61	5.00	0	27.40	36.01	73	90
17		3 Pastors, 7 A. P.				537	1076	1613	333	82	49	125	31	47	1	79	53	23	2126	$10.00	$947.39	$689.10	$1702.17	$31.14	$367.05	$3746.85	939	1903

Ministers without charge—James Buckham, J. K. Converse, J. E. Goodrich, Daniel Goodhue, J. H. Worcester, D. D., H. A. P. Torrey, H. P. Hickok, A. J. Willard, Burlington; J. C. Wilder, Charlotte; C. M. Seaton, Colchester.

Ordained—C. E. Steele, Winooski, Dec. 19, 1876.

Register of Conference—G. B. Safford.

Time of meeting of Conference—Second Tuesday in June.

5. ESSEX CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. CHARLES DUREN.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Assist. Pas.	ORDAINED.	Present Min. Commenced.	Church Memb'rs.				Admitted.			Removed.				Bap'ms.			Benevolent Contributions.								Families.	Average Congreg'n.
						Males.	Females.	Total.	Absent.	Prof.	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dismis.	Excl.	Total.	Adult.	Infant.	Sab. Schools.	College and Educa'n.	Home Missions.	A. M. A.	Foreign.	A. C. U.	All Others.	Total Contrib.			
Granby & Vic.	1825	Chas. Duren,	A. P.	1841	1874	17	33	50	10	0	0	0	4	0	1	5	0	0	58	.....	$18.65	$10.00	$58.96	.....	$6.83	$94.44	40	50
Guildhall,	1799	J. G. Willis,	A. P.	1876	1876	17	39	56	18	0	3	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	55	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	33	65
Lunenburgh,	1802	Geo. A. Perkins,	A. P	1854	1875	31	66	97	30	3	2	5	4	5	1	10	2	0	107	.....	17.00	23.00	36.00	.....	44.00	120.00	50	86
3		3 A. P.				65	138	203	58	3	5	8	9	5	2	16	2	0	215	.....	$35.65	$33.00	$94.96	.....	$50.83	$214.44	123	121

Ministers without charge—Jeremiah Glines, Lunenburgh.

Ordained—Josiah Greene Willis, Oct. 10, 1876.

Register of Conference—Rev. A. E. Hall, Dalton, N. H.

Time of meeting of Conference—Second Tuesday of June.

6. FRANKLIN AND GRAND ISLE CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. A. B. SWIFT.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Assist. Pas.	ORDAINED.	Present Min. Commenced.	Church Memb's.				Admitted.			Removed.				Bap'ms.		Sab. School.	Benevolent Contributions.							Families.	Average Congrega'n.
						Males.	Females.	Total.	Absent.	Prof.	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dismis.	Excl.	Total.	Adult.	Infant.		College and Educa'n.	Home Missions.	A. M. A.	Foreign.	A. C. U.	All Others.	Total Contrib.		
Alburgh,	1824	Richard Hicks,	A. P.	1867	1877	17	58	75	7	19	0	19	1	2	0	3	6	0	96	0	0	0	$8.00	0	0	$8.00	55	90
Bakersfield,	1811	.....	.....	.....	....	40	83	123	20	7	0	7	1	4	0	5	....	....	91	$1.60	$10.00	0	46.00	0	0	57.60	35	80
E Berkshire,	1820	E. W. Hatch,	P.	1866	1866	37	46	83	10	7	1	8	2	0	0	2	4	1	100	3.78	7.00	.....	.....	0	$26.48	37.26	21	90
Enosburgh,	1811	A. B. Swift,	A. P.	1855	1861	72	87	159	34	7	0	7	6	0	0	0	4	1	129	13.00	17.13	$70.00	170.00	0	36.00	306.13	57	80
Fairfield,	1800	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	10	20	30	3	6	0	6	0	0	0	0	3	0	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	.....	27	40
Franklin,	1817	C. P. Watson,	A. P.	1857	1876	17	34	51	3	13	0	13	1	0	0	1	7	0	56	0	4.00	1500.00	1.00	0	500.00	2005.00	34	75
Georgia,	1793	C. B. Cady,	A. P.	1838	1873	26	54	80	21	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	2	77	0	8.19	10.00	88.31	.....	8.40	114.53	30	70
Highgate,	1811	Jas. P. Stone,	A. P.	1839	1872	14	35	49	19	0	0	0	3	4	0	7	0	4	65	0	20.00	0	10.00	$5.00	10.00	45.00	35	35
Montgomery,	1817	E. W. Hatch,	A. P.	1866	1875	16	23	39	10	4	0	4	3	4	0	7	2	0	80	0	0	0	12.75	0	9.25	22.00	17	48
Sheldon,	1816	C. P. Watson,	A. P.	1857	1876	17	31	48	7	6	4	10	0	0	0	0	2	1	64	3.00	7.00	10.00	.....	.....	2.69	22.69	35	100
St. Albans, 1st,	1803	C. Van Norden,	P.	1866	1873	142	208	350	25	4	1	5	2	1	0	3	1	4	259	44.73	254.95	146.19	306.36	0	13.00	2051.23	200	300
Swanton,	1801	J. H. Babbitt,	A. P.	1868	1877	61	103	164	20	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	....	0	37.83	12.00	10.00	0	10.50	70.33	90	150
12		2 Pastors, 6 A. P.				469	782	1251	189	73	6	79	13	20	0	33	29	13	1046	$66.11	$366.10	$1748.19	$651.45	$5.00	$1902.92	$4739.77	616	1158

Ministers without charge—A. J. Samson, St. Albans; L. S. French, Franklin.

Deceased—Rev. Sewall Paine, Montgomery.

Register of Conference—Richard Hicks, Alburgh.

Time of meeting of Conference—First Wednesday in June.

7. LAMOILLE CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. V. M. HARDY.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Assist. Pas.	ORDAINED.	Present Min. Commenced.	Church Memb'rs.				Admitted.			Removed.				Bap'ms.		Sab. School.	Benevolent Contributions.							Families.	Average Congregation.
						Males.	Females.	Total.	Absent.	Profess.	Letter	Total.	Death.	Dismiss.	Excl.	Total.	Adult.	Infant.		College and Educa'on	Home Missions.	A. M. A.	Foreign.	A. C. U.	All Other.	Total Contrib.		
Cambridge,	1792	E. Wheelock,	A. P.	1856	1876	26	45	71	5	15	2	17	4	0	0	4	7	5	90	.....	$87.00	$160.00	$34.00	.....	$57.00	$338.00	90	110
Hydepark,	1863	Vacant.	.....	.....	.....	4	20	24	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	....
No. Hydepark,	....	Vacant.	.....	....	....	6	7	13	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	....
Johnson,	1817	G. H. French,	P.	1871	1871	47	88	135	28	3	4	7	1	3	0	4	1	3	178	$7.00	23.00	5.50	77.00	$3.00	5.00	120.50	65	143
Morrisville,	1807	V. M. Hardy,	P.	1872	1870	45	80	125	14	7	2	9	1	0	0	1	7	0	211	.....	20.00	7.00	70.00	.....	9.00	160.00	60	150
Waterville,	1823	Jos. Garland,	A. P.	1848	1877	7	21	28	0	0	....	....	2	....	....	2	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	90
Wolcott,	1818	J. A. Bates,	A. P.	1860	1877	26	41	67	20	2	3	5	2	0	0	2	2	0	77	.....	32.00	.....	10.00	.....	8.00	50.00	65	65
Stowe,	1818	J. G. Hale,	A. P.	1852	1877	25	55	80	23	3	0	3	0	7	0	7	2	0	121	.....	99.58	56.25	74 66	.....	5.00	235.49	60	100
8		2 Pastors, 4 A. P.				186	357	543	90	30	11	41	10	10	0	20	19	8	677	$7.00	$261.58	$228.75	$265.66	$3.00	$84.00	$849.99	340	658

Ministers without Charge—James Dougherty, D. D., Johnson; Giles F. Montgomery, Missionary at Marash, Turkey.

Dismissed—V. M. Hardy, from Church at Stowe, March, 1877.

Register of Conference—James Dougherty, D. D., Johnson.

Time of Meeting of Conference—Second Tuesday of June.

8. ORANGE CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. S. L. BATES.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Acting Pas.	ORDAINED.	Present Min. Commenced.	Church Memb'rs.				Admitted.			Removed.				Bap'ms.		Sab. School.	Benevolent Contributions.								Families.	Average Congregation.
						Males.	Fem.	Total.	Absent.	Prof.	Let.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Exc.	Total.	Adult.	Infant.		College and Educa'n.	Home Missions	A. M. A.	Foreign.	A. C. U.	All Others.	Total Contrib.		
Bradford,	1810	L. H. Elliot,	A. P.	1866	1873	82	129	161	19	11	7	18	6	2	0	8	8	0	218	$20.00	$84.68	$39.00	$72.65	$ 0	$53.16	$269.49	154	212
Braintree,	1794	Vacant.	.....	....	....	17	32	49	15	5	0	5	1	0	0	1	5	0	57	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	75
Braintree East	1871	Vacant.	.....	...	....	20	47	67	10	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	....	.....	4.00	.....	.....	.....	3.00	7.00	....	100
Brookfield 1st,	1785	Geo. B. Tolman,	A. P.	1862	1871	33	67	100	9	8	0	8	2	0	0	2	2	1	142	5.00	12.07	11.42	58.31	0	5.62	87.42	60	100
Brookfield E	1848	Wm. A. Bushee,	P.	1869	1868	54	83	137	9	7	3	10	2	2	1	5	6	0	150	.....	35.50	20.50	47.00	0	37.75	140.75	70	120
Chelsea,	1789	E. E. Herrick,	P.	1864	1870	73	120	193	25	1	2	3	3	1	0	4	1	0	167	0	20.00	28.07	87.90	0	28.75	124.72	202	160
Corinth,	1820	Caleb M. Winch,	A. P.	1853	1869	51	102	153	22	6	2	8	4	1	0	5	6	0	160	0	17.79	20.13	9.35	0	18 89	66.16	113	225
Fairlee,	1843	James Aiken,	A. P.	1843	1876	13	28	41	10	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	....	0	0	4.50	15.50	0	0	20.00	40	70
Fairlee West,	1809	Solon Martin,	A. P.	1835	1873	28	38	61	16	6	0	6	2	1	0	3	6	0	45	0	15.00	38.00	0	0	0	53.00	20	65
Newbury,	1764	Samuel L. Bates,	P.	1864	1871	50	141	191	28	7	1	8	1	6	0	7	4	3	195	0	250.00	62.52	228.15	0	207.50	744.47	130	225
Wells River,	1842	E. J. Ranslow,	A. P.	1869	1875	64	136	200	15	8	7	15	2	1	0	3	7	6	279	26.32	60.00	37.45	105 50	0	75.00	304.27	300	260
Newbury W.	1867	Amzi B. Lyon,	A. P.	1858	1775	16	27	43	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	70	0	25.18	0	33.75	0	15.00	73.93	70	75
Orange.	1876	J. L. Harrington	P.	1876	1876	21	31	52	1	44	8	52	0	0	0	0	22	0	95	0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	65
Post Mills,	1839	J. Caldwell,	A. P.	1837	1877	20	40	60	17	0	0	0	5	0	0	5	0	0	70	0	25.00	0	50 00	0	10.00	85.00	50	70
Randolph,	1786	W. S. Blaisdell,	A. P.	1868	1876	53	78	131	40	37	8	45	3	2	0	5	30	2	122	0	10.00	0	28.00	0	18.25	56.25	30	140
Randolph W.	1831	Saml. W. Dike,	P.	1869	1868	42	103	145	40	1	5	6	2	2	0	4	1	2	140	7.00	40.00	35.80	80.78	0	16.25	192.23	85	120
Strafford,	1820	H. Cummings,	P.	1851	1874	18	40	58	5	3	2	5	2	1	0	3	3	2	87	0	0	30.15	46.87	0	20.85	97.87	70	65
Thetford,	1773	Chas. F. Morse,	P.	1856	1875	65	129	194	29	9	3	12	4	4	0	8	7	0	164	8.75	116.54	33.75	210.08	10.75	58.40	438.25	....	105
Tunbridge,	1792	Vacant.	.....	....	....	22	30	52	12	0	0	0	2	2	0	4	0	0	....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	0
Vershire,	1787	Vacant.	.....	....	....	14	32	46	9	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	....
Williamstown,	1795	J. R. Demeritt,	A. P.	1870	1875	31	60	91	8	10	1	11	0	0	0	0	9	0	84	0	10.00	0	17.60	0	16.00	43.60	66	90
21		7 Pastors, 8 A. P.				732	1493	2225	344	164	51	215	42	25	1	68	127	16	2265	$67.07	$700.58	$362.59	$1081.39	$10.75	$584.42	$2769.23	1518	2342

Ministers without charge — Silas McKeen, D. D., Bradford; Joseph Marsh, Thetford; Isaac Hosford, North Thetford; Joseph Fuller, Vershire.

Ordained — James L. Harrington, installed over the Congregational church, Orange, Oct. 25, 1876.

Dismissed — Stephen F. Lougee from the church in Tunbridge, June 27, 1876.

Register of Conference — L. H. Elliot. *Time of meeting of Conference* — First Tuesday in June.

9. ORLEANS CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. E. P. WILD.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Acting Pas.	ORDAINED.	Present Min. Commenced.	Church Memb'rs. Male.	Fem.	Total.	Absent.	Admitted, Prof.	Let.	Total.	Removed. Death.	Dis.	Exc.	Total.	Bap'ms. Adult.	Inf.	Sab. School.	Benevolent Contributions. College and Educa'n.	Home Missions	A. M. A.	Foreign.	A. C. U.	All Others.	Total Contrib.	Families.	Average Congreg'on.
Albany,	1818	Don E. Curtis,	A. P.	....	1877	15	27	42	10	0	0	0	2	2	0	4	0	0	85	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0	40	80
Barton,	1817	Austin Dodge,	P.	1866	1874	34	82	116	22	3	1	4	0	3	0	3	2	0	123	0	125.00	10.00	33.00	0	0	168.00	60	150
Brighton,	1841	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Brownington { Barton Ld'g	1809	Vacant.	....	....	....	48	74	122	13	19	7	26	3	5	0	8	10	3	172	0	0	0	57.91	0	15.00	72.91	....	190
Charleston,	1844	W. T. Herrick,	A. P.	1851	1872	36	52	88	15	2	2	4	0	4	0	4	1	2	170	25.00	49.50	15.00	103.09	3.00	27.38	222.97	50	104
Coventry,	1810	W. C. Somerville	A. P.	1851	1873	29	70	99	13	0	3	3	5	1	0	6	0	0	125	7.40	0	0	21.05	0	0	28.94	....	....
Craftsbury,	1797	J. Boardman,	A. P.	1861	1875	43	83	126	21	5	0	5	3	5	0	8	4	7	165	6.00	26.00	9.00	887.50	0	24.00	922.50	60	110
Derby,	1807	Edw'd F. Wild,	A. P.	1865	1877	34	69	103	16	9	3	12	2	2	0	4	7	0	156	0	0	0	30.00	0	25.00	55.00	100	140
Glover,	1817	C. S. Thomas,	A. P.	1862	1876	34	67	101	18	2	0	2	1	4	0	5	0	0	120	0	15.00	4.44	0	0	0	19.44	94	140
Greensboro,	1804	Moses Patten,	A. P	1869	1876	28	41	69	5	2	0	2	1	2	0	3	1	0	100	0	18.40	5.31	12.00	0	47.00	82.71	75	....
Holland,	1842	James Hay,	A. P.	1852	1876	12	21	33	3	5	2	7	0	0	0	0	3	0	100	0	26.25	0	24.85	0	0	51.10	80	70
Irasburgh,	1811	John A. Kaley,	A. P.	1876	1877	30	45	75	9	6	3	9	0	2	2	4	6	0	150	0	0	0	0	0	13.00	13.00	71	130
Lowell.	1816	F. B. Phelps,	P.	1870	1870	39	46	85	15	17	0	17	1	2	0	3	11	1	130	0	15.60	0	5.50	0	12.00	33.10	....	110
Morgan	1823	W. T. Herrick,	A. P.	1851	1875	7	17	24	2	6	1	7	2	0	0	2	6	0	85	0	8.50	0	4.00	0	0	12.50	23	72
Newport,	1831	Edw'd P. Wild,	P.	1865	1874	50	82	132	21	6	6	12	1	3	0	4	6	8	158	5.05	65.00	28.00	113.35	0	32.00	243.40	95	165
Troy,	1845	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	9	12	....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Troy North,	1818	G. S. Butler,	P.	1877	1876	34	54	88	12	31	1	32	0	1	0	1	27	1	136	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	140
Westfield,	1818	F. B. Phelps,	A. P.	1870	1875	15	35	50	11	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	2	0	65	0	17.15	0	0	0	7.00	24.15	....	85
18		4 Pastors, 11 A. P.				491	874	1365	206	116	29	145	21	36	2	59	86	22	2040	$ 43.45	$ 366.40	$ 71.75	$1262.25	$ 3.00	$ 202.38	$ 1959.72	798	1686

Ministers without charge—Samuel R. Hall, LL. D., Brownington; Jacob S. Clark, pastor *emeritus* of Morgan, residence West Charleston; Robert V. Hall, Newport; Jabez T. Howard, West Charleston; George Stone, North Troy.

Ordained—Gardner S. Butler, North Troy, Jan. 3, 1877. *Dismissed*—J. A. Kaley, Derby, Dec. 26, 1876.

Licentiate—Royal D. Metcalf. *Register of Conference*—E. P. Wild, Newport.

Time of Meeting of Conference—Second Tuesday in June. *Contributions to Con. Pub. Society*—Coventry, $10.40.

10. RUTLAND CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. R. T. HALL.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Acting Pas.	ORDAINED.	Present Min. Commenced.	Church Memb'rs.				Admitted.			Removed.				Bap'ms.		Sab. School.	Benevolent Contributions.							Families.	Average Congregation.
						Male.	Fem.	Total.	Absent.	Prof.	Let.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Exc.	Total.	Adult.	Infant.		College and Educa'n.	Home Missions.	A. M. A.	Foreign.	A. C. U.	All Others.	Total Contrib.		
Benson,	1790	J. C. Houghton,	A. P.	1868	1876	57	97	154	38	0	3	3	3	1	0	4	0	1	148	0	$27.00	0	$51.25	0	$16.33	$94.58	73	130
Brandon,	1785	S. P. Wilder,	P.	1875	1876	60	126	186	36	7	6	13	4	3	0	7	6	0	169	$10.50	65.00	0	112.30	$12.00	20.00	219.80	80	150
Castleton,	1784	E. P. Hooker,	P.	1868	1875	47	126	173	31	17	0	17	3	6	3	12	14	2	110	9.00	95.00	$27.35	105.20	2.00	7.00	245.55	70	150
Clarendon,	1822	Geo. H. Morse,	A. P.	1864	1776	24	50	74	7	8	1	9	0	0	0	0	8	1	134	0	0	24.00	39.16	0	0	63.16	60	80
Danby,	1869	L. D. Mears,	A. P.	1871	1876	4	13	17	7	0	0	0	0	4	0	4	0	0	70	0	10.00	0	0	0	0	10.00	20	40
Fair Haven,	1803	J. R. Chalmers,	P.	1874	1876	86	77	113	16	11	7	18	2	1	0	3	9	9	129	0	14.00	60.00	79.32	0	0	153.32	65	102
F. H. (Welsh)	1857	J. W. Williams,	A. P.	....	1877	15	40	55	2	2	1	3	1	3	0	4	0	1	76	0	3.23	0	0	0	60 00	63.23	34	70
Hubbardton,	1782	John H. Thyng,	A. P.	1852	1877	18	37	55	12	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	4	0	97	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	28	75
Middletown,	1780	O. Myrick,	A. P.	1846	1866	13	35	48	8	4	1	5	2	0	0	2	2	0	128	0	14.00	2.00	10.00	0	50.00	76.00	70	100
Pawlet,	1781	John F. Aiken,	A. P.	1873	1873	19	85	104	2	24	0	24	1	1	0	2	18	0	87	0	0	0	15.00	0	0	15.00	60	140
Pittsford.	1784	Russell T. Hall,	P.	1870	1870	73	137	210	27	11	3	14	7	6	1	14	9	0	230	61.00	576.69	80.00	1158.85	40.00	2.20	1918.74	130	193
Poultney,	1780	C. Granger,	A. P.	1834	1873	32	60	92	30	0	0	0	7	1	0	8	0	0	70	0	0	2.00	16.00	0	0	18.00	40	60
Rutland,	1788	Jas. G. Johnson,	P.	1866	1870	151	291	442	81	16	12	28	3	9	0	12	13	11	357	0	425.00	0	1144.73	0	500.00	2069.73	300	450
West Rutland.	1773	J. K. Williams,	A. P.	1866	1872	93	184	278	15	61	6	67	5	1	0	6	39	9	215	0	208.50	23.64	170.00	0	75.00	477.14	135	210
Sudbury,	1791	H. F. Rustedt,	A. P	1841	1857	7	17	24	5	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	17	0	15.00	0	0	0	0	15.00	27	40
Wallingford,	1792	E. S. Hantress,	A. P.	1869	1877	45	109	154	18	42	3	45	2	1	1	4	32	3	133	0	107.47	71.35	169.56	0	82.00	430.38	70	145
West Haven,	1817	Vacant.	.....	....	....	5	7	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	45	....
17		5 Pastors. 11 A.P.				701	1490	2191	335	207	43	250	40	39	5	84	154	37	2182	$80.50	$1560.89	$290.34	$3071.37	$54.00	$812.68	$5869.68	1307	2135

Ministers without charge—Harvey O. Higley, Ulric Maynard, William Denison, Castleton; Amasa Stewart, Pittsford; William P. Aiken, Rutland; Aldace Walker, D. D., Wallingford.

Installed—S. P. Wilder, Nov. 22, 1876; John R. Chalmers, Dec. 19, 1876.

Deceased—Nathaniel P. Gilbert, Hubbardton, July 1, 1876.

Licentiate—S. B. Pettengill, Rutland.

Register of Conference—Russell T. Hall.

Time of Meeting of Conference—First Tuesday in June.

11. WASHINGTON CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. WILLIAM S. HAZEN.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Acting Pas.	ORDAINED.	Present Min. Commenced.	Church Memb'rs.				Admitted.			Removed.			Bap'ms.		Sab. Schools.	Benevolent Contributions.							Families.	Average Congreg'n.
						Males.	Females.	Total.	Absent.	Prof.	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dismis.	Excl.	Total.	Adult.	Infant.		College and Educa'n.	Home Missions.	A. M. A.	Foreign.	A. C. U.	All Others.	Total Contrib.		
Barre,	1799	L. Tenney,	A. P.	1845	1868	70	131	201	40	0	1	1	2	7	0	9	0	0	255	.....	$80.00	$30.00	$105 00	.....	$25.00	$190.00	120	175
Berlin,	1798	Wm. Schofield,	A. P.	1874	1876	23	47	76	32	3	4	7	2	2	0	4	0	0	144	.....	7.50	12.50	12.04	.....	7.80	39.84	....	114
Berlin West,	1865	John F. Stone,	A. P.	1829	1863	5	13	18	1	0	0	0	1	3	0	4	0	0	50	.....	80.00	.....	.....	.....	20.00	80.00	20	35
Duxbury,	1836	C. S. Bvswell, M.	A. P.	.....	1876	9	8	17	5	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	85	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	80
Marshfield,	1826	N. F. Cobleigh,	P.	1871	1870	32	24	56	7	3	0	3	1	0	0	1	0	2	87	0	19.00	14.00	15.10	0	15.00	63.10	65	72
Montpelier,	1808	Vacant.	.....	.....	.....	102	186	288	86	0	0	0	5	8	0	13	0	0	150	.....	120.97	.....	231.87	.....	175.00	527.84	....	325
Northfield,	1822	Wm. S. Hazen,	P.	1864	1863	37	78	115	11	12	7	19	3	3	0	6	8	6	162	13.40	74.17	17.89	54.24	$9.33	23.00	191.53	72	121
Plainfield,	1799	Chas. Redfield,	A. P.	1859	1873	15	28	43	11	6	1	7	2	1	0	3	4	2	70	.....	14.00	.....	.....	.....	21.25	35.25	36	70
Roxbury,	1864	Alden Ladd,	P.	1865	1863	22	39	61	9	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	70	.....	35.00	.....	12.00	.....	3.00	50.00	40	75
Waitsfield,	1796	S. H. Robinson,	A. P.	.....	1877	44	96	140	23	4	2	6	5	0	0	5	4	2	168	.....	.....	.....	49.00	.....	33.10	82.10	....	100
Warren,	1816	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Waterbury,	1801	S. H. Wheeler,	P	1875	1875	68	119	187	19	3	0	3	2	0	2	4	3	0	192	.....	55.00	55.00	135.00	.....	58.00	303.00	150	175
Woodbury,	1875	H. Herrick,	A. P.	1844	1877	15	38	53	3	14	1	15	1	0	0	1	11	0	130	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	100	80
Worcester,	1824	R. D. Metcalf,	.....	...	1876	8	41	49	21	2	2	4	1	0	1	2	1	0	65	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	70
14		4 Pastors. 8 A. P.				456	818	1304	263	51	18	69	25	24	3	52	35	12	1628	$13.40	$385.64	$128.89	$614.25	$9.33	$381.15	$1582.66	553	1492

Ministers without Charge—Charles S. Smith, Sec. Vt. D. M. S., Montpelier; Horace Pratt, Northfield; A. D. Barber, Editor of the Vt. Chronicle, Montpelier.

Deceased—Wm. H. Lord, D. D., March 18, 1877.

Dismissed—James H. Babbitt, from Church in Waitsfield, Dec. 12, 1876.

Register of Conference—Rev. William S. Hazen.

Time of Meeting of Conference—First Tuesday in June.

12. WINDHAM CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. C. H. MERRILL.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Acting Pas.	ORDAINED.	Present Min. Commenced.	Church Memb'rs.				Admitted.			Removed.				Bap'ms.		Sab. School.	Benevolent Contributions.							Families.	Average Congregation.
						Males.	Fem.	Total.	Absent.	Prof.	Let.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Exc.	Total.	Adult.	Infant.		College and Educa'n.	Home Missions	A. M. A.	Foreign.	A. C. U.	All Others.	Total Contrib.		
Brattleboro W	1770	C. H. Merrill,	P.	1870	1873	63	110	173	20	2	5	7	2	2	0	4	1	5	177	$ 20.29	$ 52.78	$ 45.03	$ 106.23	$ 8.45	$ 10.75	$ 248.61	100	170
Brattleboro,	1816	G. L. Walker,	A. P.	1858	1875	92	223	315	28	10	4	14	5	14	0	19	6	7	263	114.55	335.01	92.34	667.15	85.50	85.67	1330.22	150	400
Dover,	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	...
Dover West,	1868	Frank Pierce,	A. P.	....	1876	17	25	42	10	0	0	0	1	4	0	5	0	0	66	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20	65
Dummerston,	1779	L. G. Chase,	P.	1870	1870	23	79	102	29	1	1	2	3	5	1	9	1	0	87	.....	71.08	25.44	91.88	.....	57.80	245.60	90	85
Newfane,																												
Fayetteville,	1774	Chas. Burnham,	A. P.	1841	1874	25	67	92	23	1	0	1	2	0	0	2	0	0	140	.....	.....	6.20	22.20	0	.....	28.40	120	100
Grafton.	1785	E. J. Ward,	P.	1868	1867	29	74	103	28	3	4	7	0	1	0	1	3	1	126	.....	.....	25.75	82.00	.....	10.00	117.75	70	....
Guilford East,	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	...
Jamaica,	1791	A. B. Emmons,	A. P.	1873	1874	20	39	59	3	10	2	12	3	1	0	4	5	0	90	5.50	15.00	11.00	11.00	8.00	14.00	64.50	50	110
Londonderry,	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	...
Marlboro,	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	...
Putney,	1776	J. E. Russell,	A. P.	....	1875	21	65	86	14	5	3	8	4	5	0	9	5	1	160	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	185
Rockingham,																												
Saxtons Riv.	1825	A. Holbrook,	A. P.	1866	1876	29	53	82	18	12	7	19	3	3	10	16	9	1	97	.....	.....	.....	13.75	0	16.00	29.75	64	104
B. Falls,	1830	N. F. Carter,	P.	1867	1874	35	48	83	22	0	8	8	0	2	0	2	0	0	106	0	25.33	5.00	32.50	12.25	58.81	146.14	66	100
Cambr'port,	1868	J. H. Galord, M.	A. P.	....	1876	14	22	36	13	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	100	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	60	80
Stratton,	1801	F. H. Butler,	A. P.	.....	1875	4	15	19	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...
Townshend E	1792	Vacant.	.....	.....	...	41	58	99	24	1	2	3	1	4	1	6	1	1	112	0	.....	.....	.....	0	.....	.....	.....	115
Townshend W	1850	J. B. Baldwin,	A. P.	1872	1873	16	52	68	5	4	0	4	1	0	0	1	4	2	90	.....	9.50	9.58	13.15	.....	14.57	45.80	47	60
Wardsboro S	1858	E. F. Abbott,	A. P.	1846	1875	19	40	59	18	24	0	24	0	0	0	0	15	0	65	.....	7.60	4.41	.....	.....	5.18	17.19	64	52
Westminster,	1767	P. F. Barnard,	A. P	1847	1873	28	92	120	10	1	0	1	6	3	0	9	1	3	189	.....	15.35	18.00	68.85	.....	35.05	137.25	80	136
Westmins'r W	1799	A. Stevens,	P.	1845	1842	44	48	92	5	3	4	7	4	6	0	10	3	0	163	10.00	40.28	27.81	119.00	.....	25.47	232.56	68	120
Wilmington,	1835	A. C. Field,	P.	1856	1871	33	58	91	34	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	70	.....	6.00	.....	.....	.....	15.00	21.00	28	70
Windham,	1805	D. N. Goodrich,	P.	1865	1875	36	62	98	17	15	3	18	3	7	0	10	9	1	120	.....	.....	20.00	84.81	.....	26.40	101.21	68	100
23		7 Pastors, 11 A.P.				589	1237	1819	334	92	45	137	38	60	12	110	63	22	2201	$ 150.34	$ 577.88	$ 290.56	$1271.97	$ 64.20	$ 374.70	$ 2746.98	1145	1972

Ministers without charge—Augustus Chandler, Editor of *Record and Farmer*, Brattleboro; Lewis Grout, Agent A. M. A., West Brattleboro; Amos Foster, Putney. *Licentiate*—John E. Russell, Putney.

Register of Conference—C. H. Merrill, West Brattleboro. *Time of Meeting of Conference*—First Wednesday in September.

Contrib. to Cong. Pub. Society—Bellows Falls, $12.25; Brattleboro West, $5.08; Total, $17.33.

13. WINDSOR CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. CHARLES W. CLARK.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Acting Pas.	ORDAINED.	Present Min. Commenced.	Church Memb'rs.				Admitted.			Removed.				Bap'ms.		Sab. School.	Benevolent Contributions.							Families.	Average Congregon.
						Male.	Fem.	Total.	Absent.	Prof.	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dis.	Exc.	Total.	Adult.	Inf.		College and Educa'n.	Home Missions	A. M. A.	Foreign.	A. C. U.	All Others.	Total Contrib.		
Bethel,	1817	Elbridge Gerry,	A. P.	1868	1872	13	43	56	13	6	0	6	0	0	0	0	3	2	86	0	$12.50	$12.00	0	0	0	$24 50	36	85
Bridgewater,	1793	Vacant.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	150
Chester,	1773	Vacant.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	1	4	3	5	...	8	3	....	150	$18 34	50.00	46.71	$40.00	.....	$9.50	164.55	.....	.....
Hartford,	1786	S. I. Briant,	P.	1868	1875	61	118	179	28	5	4	9	1	7	0	8	4	3	212	3.00	41.64	47.30	140.49	$4.10	20.89	257.42	134	196
Hartford West	1830	Bezaleel Smith,	A. P.	1829	1871	30	55	85	15	2	0	2	1	1	0	2	2	0	80	0	284.75	0	23.00	.....	44.61	322.86	46	75
Quechee,	1831	A. S. Chase,	A. P.	1876	1876	13	61	74	30	8	2	10	1	2	0	3	7	0	85	0	0	21.00	0	0	0	21.00	137	100
Hartland,	1779	R. D. Miller,	A. P.	1856	1875	10	38	48	4	10	5	15	0	4	0	4	2	2	75	0	10.00	10.00	27.00	.....	10.00	57.00	30	60
Ludlow,	1806	S. P. Cook,	A. P.	1869	1873	29	72	101	38	0	2	2	3	2	1	6	0	0	97	10.30	15.20	51.84	40.08	.....	41.41	158.83	80	84
Norwich,	1819	G. F. Humphreys,	A. P.	1874	1876	74	142	216	41	6	1	7	6	7	0	13	3	....	235	0	61 03	105.34	62.48	0	0	228.85	220	200
Pittsfield,	1803	Chas. W. Clark,	A. P.	1861	1874	23	33	56	7	6	0	6	8	0	0	3	5	2	86	0	0	6.10	0	0	18.13	24.23	83	94
Plymouth,	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pomfret,	1783	Allen Hazen,	A. P.	1816	1875	19	38	57	9	7	1	8	0	0	0	0	5	0	120	0	18.05	10.04	16.53	0	7.30	46.92	45	67
Rochester,	1811	T. S. Hubbard,	A. P.	1839	1868	18	58	76	5	11	3	14	1	2	0	3	10	2	75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	99
Royalton,	1777	C. B. Drake,	P.	1837	1837	43	80	123	18	0	0	0	2	6	0	8	0	1	75	0	80.25	96.00	87.73	0	100.00	363.98	41	100
Royalton S	1868	S. K. B. Perkins,	A. P.	1860	1876	19	41	60	8	5	12	17	1	6	0	7	4	0	101	0	11.67	0	0	12.77	0	24.44	50	89
Sharon,	1782	E. B. Chamberlin	A. P.	1856	1873	27	59	86	9	4	2	6	1	4	0	5	4	2	109	.....	10.00	8.00	25.00	.....	20.00	63.00	46	90
Springfield,	1781	P. B. Fisk,	P.	1863	1874	98	241	339	60	9	0	9	11	5	6	22	7	7	....	54.43	350.24	60.37	450.75	.....	181.02	1096.81	200	265
Stockbridge,	1820	Chas. W. Clark,	A. P.	1861	1871	22	48	70	19	3	0	3	0	1	0	1	1	0	88	0	0	10.00	0	0	14.50	24.50	35	75
Weathersf'd C	1775	Vacant.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Weatherst'd E	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ascutneyville	1869	R. T. Searle,	A. P.	1845	1877	8	14	22	5	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	82	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	100
Weston,	1799	Vacant.	.....	.....	.....	18	30	48	13	5	0	5	1	2	0	3	1	0	40	0	11.56	8.36	.....	0	10.70	30.62	25	45
Windsor,	1768	R. T. Searle,	P.	1845	1874	66	125	191	34	6	1	7	3	3	0	6	6	2	140	0	38.45	36.55	91.55	0	93.00	259.55	100	135
Woodstock,	1781	L. W. Hicks,	P.	1874	1874	72	171	243	....	30	10	40	2	0	0	2	19	1	119	48.38	240.03	72.46	147.43	20 10	73.13	601.53	100	200
24		5 Pastors, 11 A.P.				663	1467	2130	356	126	45	171	40	52	7	99	86	24	2005	$134.45	$1200.57	$602.07	$1152.04	$36.97	$644.19	$3770.09	1291	2308

Ministers without charge—Jonathan Clement, D. D., Norwich; J. B. Clark, Ludlow; Franklin Butler, Windsor; J. S. Chapman, Chester; A. T. Swift, Stockbridge; Horace Herrick, Woodbury.

Ordained—Austin S. Chase, Quechee, Dec. 14, 1876.

Dismissed—William Sewall, Norwich, Oct. 18, 1876.

Register of Conference—Rev. Charles W. Clark, Gaysville.

Time of Meeting of Conference—First Tuesday in June.

SUMMARY.

CONFER'NCES.	Churches.							Ministers.								Church Members.				Admitted.			Removed.				Bap's.		Benevolent Contributions.										
	Total Churches.	Churches with Pastors.	Churches with A. P.	Churches with Licen.	Vacant Churches.	Net gain.	Net loss.	Pastors.	Acting Pastors.	Licentiates.	Without charge.	Ordained.	Installed.	Dismissed.	Deceased.	Total Ministers.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Absent.	Profession.	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dismissal.	Exclusion.	Total.	Adult.	Infant.	Sabbath School.	College and Education.	Home Missions.	Am. Missionary Asso'n.	Foreign Missions.	Amer. Cong. Union.	All Others.	Total Contributions.	Families.	Average Congregation.
Addison,	14	8	3	1	2	41	0	8	3	3	2	0	0	1	0	16	666	1178	1844	297	81	13	94	30	23	0	53	37	12	1861	$62.77	$2662.34	$260.02	$2245.46	$52.26	$3211.07	$8513.32	1123	1618
Bennington,	11	4	7	0	0	48	0	4	5	1	2	0	0	0	1	12	351	722	1073	170	63	20	83	19	16	0	35	41	20	1526	41.40	420.96	155.79	929.80	16.79	278.85	2013.59	636	1287
Caledonia,	15	8	7	0	0	10	0	8	5	0	4	1	0	0	1	17	821	1498	2319	424	69	50	119	41	63	5	109	46	36	2109	1250.21	2993.13	647.01	4553.20	159.27	6488.77	14288.49	1305	2766
Chittenden,	17	5	10	0	2	46	0	5	7	0	10	1	0	0	0	22	537	1076	1613	333	82	43	125	31	47	1	79	53	23	2126	10.00	947.39	689.10	1702.17	31.14	367.05	3746.85	969	1908
Essex,	3	0	3	0	0	0	8	0	3	0	1	1	0	0	0	4	65	138	203	58	3	5	8	9	5	2	16	2	0	215	0	35.65	33.00	94.96	0	50.83	214.44	123	121
Franklin and Grand Isle,	12	2	8	0	2	46	0	2	6	0	2	0	0	0	1	10	469	782	1251	189	73	6	79	13	20	0	33	29	13	1046	66.11	366.10	1748.19	651.45	5.00	1902.92	4739.77	616	1158
Lamoille,	8	2	4	0	2	21	0	2	4	0	2	0	0	1	0	8	186	357	543	90	30	11	41	10	10	0	20	19	8	677	7.00	261.58	228.75	265.66	3.00	84.00	849.99	280	658
Orange,	21	7	10	0	4	147	0	7	10	0	4	1	1	1	0	21	732	1493	2225	344	164	51	215	42	25	1	68	127	16	2265	67.07	700.5	362.59	1081.39	10.75	584.42	2769.23	1518	2342
Orleans,	18	4	11	0	3	86	0	4	10	1	5	2	1	1	0	20	491	874	1365	206	116	29	145	21	38	2	59	86	22	2040	43.45	366.40	71.75	1262.25	3.00	202.38	1969.72	798	1686
Rutland,	17	5	11	0	1	166	0	5	11	1	6	0	0	0	1	23	701	1490	2191	335	207	43	250	40	39	5	84	154	37	2162	80.50	1560.89	290.34	3071.37	54.00	812.63	5869.63	1307	2135
Washington,	14	4	7	1	2	17	0	4	7	1	3	0	2	1	1	15	456	848	1304	268	51	18	69	25	24	3	52	35	12	1628	13.40	385.64	128.89	614.25	9.33	381.15	1532.66	563	1492
Windham,	23	7	10	1	5	27	0	7	9	1	3	0	0	0	0	20	589	1230	1819	333	92	45	137	38	60	12	110	63	22	2201	150.34	577.88	290.56	1271.97	64.20	374.70	2746.98	1145	1972
Windsor,	24	5	13	0	6	72	0	5	11	0	6	1	0	1	0	22	663	1467	2130	356	126	45	171	40	52	7	99	86	24	2005	134.45	1200 57	602.07	1152.04	86.97	644.19	3770.09	1291	2308
13	197	61	104	3	29	727	8	61	91	8	59	6	3	6	5	210	6727	13153	19880	3403	1157	379	1536	359	420	38	817	778	245	21881	$1926.70	$12479.11	$5508.06	$18895 97	$445.71	$15392.96	$53014.76	11664	21396

Contributions to Cong. Pub. Soc.—Addison, $9.40; Orleans, $10.49; Windham, $17.33: total, $37.22.

ECCLESIASTICAL RECORD.

DISMISSED.

1876.	June 27	Stephen F. Lougee	Tunbridge.
	Oct. 18	William Sewall	Norwich.
	Dec. 12	James H. Babbitt	Waitsfield.
	Dec. 26	I. A. Kaley	Derby.
1877.	March	Daniel W. Hardy	Stowe.
		William P. Aiken	

ORDAINED WITHOUT INSTALLATION.

1876.	Oct. 10	Josiah Greene Willis	
	Oct. 18	R. S. Cross	St. Johnsbury Center.
	Dec. 19	C. E. Steele	Winooski.
1877.	Jan'y 3	Gardiner S. Butler	North Troy.

ORDAINED AND INSTALLED.

1876.	Oct. 25	James L. Harrington	Orange.
	Nov. 22	S. P. Wilder	Brandon.
	Dec. 19	John R. Chalmers	Fair Haven.

DECEASED.

1876.	Mar. 4	Sewall Paine	Montgomery.
	July 1	Nathaniel P. Gilbert	Hubbardton.
	July 27	Joseph Underwood	East Hardwick.
	Aug. 22	Chauncey H. Hubbard	Bennington.
1877.	Mar. 18	William H. Lord, D. D.	Montpelier.
	May 18	Rufus S. Cushman, D. D.	Manchester.

VERMONT DOMESTIC

MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

ACT OF INCORPORATION.

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

SECTION 1. James W. Hickok, Joshua Leavitt, William H. Lord, Thaddeus Fairbanks, J. G. Stimson, and Charles S. Smith, with their associates, being members of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society, a society heretofore existing, and organized for the purpose of aiding Congregational churches and communities in the State in need of assistance in sustaining the preaching of the gospel, are hereby created a body politic and corporate, by the said name of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society, with all the usual appropriate corporate rights and privileges, and with full power to acquire, hold and convey personal and real property, and to use the same in promoting and securing the aforesaid objects and purposes of their incorporation.

SECTION 2. All the doings of said Society while heretofore existing, all gifts, grants, bequests, and donations made to it, and all grants, appropriations and conveyances made by said Society, are hereby confirmed and made valid.

SECTION 3. Any two of the corporators aforesaid may call the first meeting of said corporation by giving notice thereof in some weekly paper published in said State, three weeks before the day of said meeting.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect from its passage.

Passed October 25, 1872.

LEGACIES TO THE V. D. M. SOCIETY.

FORM OF A BEQUEST.

I bequeath to my executors the sum of ———— dollars, in trust, to pay over the same to the Treasurer of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society, incorporated in October, 1872, to be applied to the charitable uses and purposes of said Society.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

VT. DOMESTIC MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

As Revised and Adopted June 18, 1873.

NAME.

Art. I. This Society shall be known by the name of the VERMONT DOMESTIC MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

MEMBERSHIP.

Art. II. Any person may become a member of this Society by paying two dollars into its treasury, and his membership shall continue so long as he shall annually pay a like sum. Any person may, at his request, become a member for life of the Society, who shall at one time pay twenty dollars or more, into its treasury. Congregational ministers whose churches contribute annually to the treasury of this Society, shall be members, and their membership shall continue so long as such annual contributions are made. All such members shall be entitled to vote.

OBJECT.

Art. III. The object of this Society shall be to supply the destitute towns in the State with the preached gospel, by the labors of missionaries, and to aid the American Home Missionary Society.

OFFICERS.

Art. IV. The officers of this Society, to be elected annually, shall be a President, Vice-President, twelve Directors, Secretary, Treasurer, and Auditor. The President and Secretary shall be members of the Board of Directors *ex-officiis*. These officers shall all hold their offices for a year and till others are elected.

DUTIES OF PRESIDENT.

Art. V. It shall be the duty of the President, or, in his absence, of the Vice-President, to preside at all meetings of the Society, and of the Board of Directors.

DUTIES OF DIRECTORS.

Art. VI. It shall be the duty of the Directors, five of whom shall constitute a quorum, to act upon applications coming from churches, asking for aid; make appropriations of money; fill temporarily any vacancy occasioned by the death or resignation of the Secretary, Treasurer, or Auditor; have a general superintendence of all the Society's affairs, and make, through the Secretary, a report of their doings at each annual meeting.

At their annual meeting the Directors shall appoint *five* of their own number—one of whom shall be the Secretary – as an Executive Committee, which committee shall have full power to act for the Directors on all matters that may come before them, when the Directors are not in session.

DUTIES OF SECRETARY.

Art. VII. The Secretary shall take charge of the books and correspondence of the Society and of the Directors; keep a true record of their doings and call meetings of the Society, Directors, and Executive Committee.

He shall secure, as far as possible, collections and donations from churches and individuals; visit destitute communities to ascertain their needs; direct itinerant missionaries to their fields; draw orders upon the Treasurer for all moneys appropriated by the Directors or Executive Committee, and make an annual report to the Society of the doings of the Directors, and the condition of the missionary work.

DUTIES OF TREASURER.

Art. VIII. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive and hold the property of the Society; take care of and invest the permanent funds; lease, or convey by deed, real estate belonging to the Society, when so ordered by the Directors or Executive Committee; and exhibit at the annual meeting an audited account of the condition of the treasury, make a statement of the amount of permanent funds, and how they are invested. He shall hold his books open for inspection when requested by any member of the Society, and shall give bonds when required by the Executive Committee.

DUTIES OF AUDITOR.

Art. IX. The Auditor shall carefully audit the Treasurer's book every year, before the annual meeting of the Society, and report also on the amount of the permanent funds, and the form of their investment.

MEETINGS.

Meetings of Society.

Art. X. There shall be an annual meeting of this Society, for the election of officers and the transaction of any necessary business, on the Wednesday succeeding the second Tuesday in June, at 10 o'clock A. M., at the same place where the General Convention of Congregational Ministers and Churches of Vermont holds its annual meeting. Two several notices shall be given by the Secretary, of the time and place of holding this meeting, in some newspaper generally circulated in this State.

Meetings of Directors.

The Directors shall hold an annual meeting on the same day of the annual meeting of the Society, at such time as the Secretary shall give notice to the Directors, personally or by public notice, at the annual meeting of the Society. They may adjourn or meet at such other time as they see fit, or as they may be called together by the Secretary, notice being given them in writing, one week before the time of meeting.

Meetings of Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee shall hold meetings at such times and places as they may appoint, and whenever the Secretary may call them together; and they shall have power to call meetings of the Society or Directors, in case of the death, resignation, or absence of the Secretary.

CHANGE OF CONSTITUTION.

Art. XI. The object of this Society shall not be changed, but this Constitution may be altered or amended, on a proposal of the Directors, at any annual meeting, by a vote of two thirds of the members present.

RULES ADOPTED BY THE DIRECTORS

JUNE 17, 1873.

RULE 1. Churches asking for aid, must first subscribe one hundred and twenty-five per cent. on their grand list, unless in very exceptional cases.

RULE 2. No church in debt for past ministerial services shall receive aid.

RULE 3. Appropriations shall not be made for a longer period than twelve months, and shall not, except in special cases, date back of the time of application.

RULE 4. Applications shall be signed by a committee of the church asking for aid. They shall also be endorsed by the Association of Ministers within whose bounds they arise, or by a committee of such body.

RULE 5. Every application must contain an answer to the following questions, viz:

(1.) Name of minister employed?
(2.) Number of members of the church?
(3.) Usual attendance on public worship?
(4.) Amount of the grand list of the church?
(5.) Amount actually subscribed by the church for preaching?
(6.) Amount subscribed by those not members of the church?
(7.) Is aid expected from any other source?
(8.) Least amount of aid that will suffice from this Society?
(9.) Is the church in debt for past ministerial services? If so, how much? and to whom?
(10.) From what date is aid asked?

RULE 6. On the expiration of an appropriation, if aid is still needed, a new application must be made, containing an explicit answer to all of the above questions.

RULE 7. All missionaries, when required, shall furnish satisfactory testimonials of church and ministerial standing.

RULE 8. A statistical report shall be made by each missionary before the first of June of each year, or when he leaves his field, if it is before the close of the Society's year.

RULE 9. Missionaries shall not be entitled to receive payments from this Society till they have made a written report to the Secretary of their services for the period for which such payment is due. Those who wish quarterly payments must make quarterly reports.

RULE 10. Missionaries must reside with the people to whom they preach. If they serve two or more churches, they must live with one of them.

RULE 11. The Secretary shall engage itinerant laborers, as may be needed, for destitute fields, who shall be guaranteed eight dollars per week, and their fare one way, not to exceed twelve dollars. The people with whom they labor shall, in all cases, provide board, and pay as large a part of the salary as possible.

Churches receiving aid are requested to arrange, as far as practicable, their contracts with their ministers so that their year may commence with the first of June, in order that all applications for the renewal of grants may be made before the annual meeting.

Any church wishing to apply for aid should send to the Secretary for a blank form of application.

MINUTES

OF THE

FIFTY-NINTH ANNUAL MEETING.

The Fifty-Ninth Anniversary of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society was held at Bradford, on Wednesday, June 20th, 1877, in accordance with notice given three weeks previously in the *Vermont Chronicle*.

In the absence of the President, the Vice-President, Rev. L. H. Elliot, called the meeting to order and presided.

After the singing of an anthem, prayer was offered by Rev. E. G. Read of Bennington, and a hymn was sung.

On motion, a committee of three, selected by the President, were elected to nominate officers for the ensuing year, viz: Rev. W. S. Hazen, Rev. H. W. Jones, and Dea. C. F. Thompson.

The Treasurer's report was read, accepted, and ordered to be printed.

The Directors' report was read by the Secretary. On motion to accept and print it, which was adopted, remarks were made by Rev. Messrs. W. S. Hazen, J. G. Johnson, C. B. Drake, D. D., and John F. Stone.

The report of the nominating committee,—which was accepted, adopted and the persons designated declared elected to the offices named,—was as follows:

President—Hon. FRANKLIN FAIRBANKS.

Vice President—Pres. C. B. HULBERT, D. D.

Secretary—Rev. C. S. SMITH.

Treasurer—Mr. J. C. EMERY.

Auditor—Hon. JOHN A. PAGE.

Directors—Mr. THADDEUS FAIRBANKS, Rev. C. E. FERRIN, Rev. W. S. HAZEN, Rev. A. W. WILD, Rev. J. G. JOHNSON, Rev. J. G. HALE, Rev. G. B. SAFFORD, Mr. J. S. SPAULDING, LL. D., Rev. I. JENNINGS, Rev. S. W. DIKE, Rev. L. TENNEY, Dea. C. F. THOMPSON.

Directors ex-officiis—Hon. FRANKLIN FAIRBANKS, President, and Rev. C. S. SMITH, Secretary.

The following resolution, introduced by Rev. Austin Hazen, was unanimously adopted. viz:

Resolved, That this Society approves of the action of the Executive Committee in regard to the Mission Sunday-school work, and we heartily recommend all the Sunday-schools to devote annually some portion of their collections to sustain this branch of our home missionary work.

After singing, the Society adjourned to meet at four o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON.

At four o'clock, P. M., the Society met according to adjournment, and received from the Directors the following proposition, viz:

"That Article X. of the Constitution be amended by substituting the words *second Tuesday* for *third Tuesday*, so that hereafter the annual meeting shall be held on the Wednesday succeeding the second Tuesday in June."

This proposition was accepted, adopted, and by unanimous vote the time of holding the annual meeting was changed from the Wednesday succeeding the *third* Tuesday in June to the Wednesday succeeding the *second* Tuesday in June.

On motion, the Society adjourned.

C. S. SMITH, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS.

As we meet to celebrate our Fifty-ninth Anniversary, we cannot forget the fact that, during the year, one who had held the office of Director of this Society longer than any living man, has given his last words of counsel and done his last work for the feeble churches of Vermont, and has joined the church triumphant. Dr. William H. Lord, for twenty-four years a Director of this Society, and for the same length of time a member of its Executive Committee, always manifested a warm and generous sympathy for the feeble churches in our State and for those who ministered to them. Himself the pastor of a strong church, he had a deep conviction of the importance of sustaining the preaching of the gospel in our country towns, alike for the benefit of the people who dwell in them, for the prosperity of the larger churches, and for the good of Zion throughout the world. He had a genuine respect for the worthy men who patiently toil on in these humble fields, and, in the spirit of their Master, amid self-denial, faithfully minister to these little flocks. By his death our denomination has not only been bereaved of one of her ablest preachers and defenders of her faith and polity, but the churches in this State have lost a warm-hearted friend, whom no offers of place or profit could draw from their fellowship; and moreover the feeble churches and missionaries have lost a true and long-tried advocate, a cheerful and generous helper, whose vote and whose contributions were cheerfully given for their relief. They, at least, can appropriately join Bethany Church in the exclamation — "My father! my father! the chariot of Israel and the horsemen thereof."

None of the missionaries have been called away by death during the year, but one of them — Rev. S. P. Cook of Ludlow — as the result of overwork, has been compelled to suspend all labor for the present. His efficient efforts, for two or three years, as the Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Young Men's Christian Associations, and in connection with "Gospel Meetings," in addition to his parish duties, were too much for his strength. Of the great value of his labors in this direction many churches in the

State can testify. It is confidently hoped that, by God's blessing, he will again be restored to his church and to the work he so loves and honors.

THE TREASURY.

The Treasurer's report shows that the total receipts of the year have been $9,590.08, which, with the amount brought over from last year, gives $12,590.83 as the total resources of the year. The amount coming from legacies, $1,864.44, is larger than usual from that source. The receipts from donations and contributions by the churches have been $589.15 less than last year. This decrease seems to result from the fact that, in a decline in prices and a lack of ready money, quite a number of the contributions were a little less than usual. Then two of our largest churches, in readjusting their method or schedule for raising money for benevolent objects, have failed entirely to forward any collection for domestic missions. In addition to the above, the sum of $28.87 has been received for the Mission Sunday-school work assumed during the year. The disbursements in the Itinerant Department have been $1,162.32, which is $8.70 more than was received for the same work. The current receipts for the year have exceeded the entire disbursements by $14.37, leaving the balance in the treasury just that amount larger than it was a year ago. It seems probable that for a year or two, at least, to come, great pains will have to be taken to secure contributions from as large a number of churches and individuals as possible, to prevent any falling off of our receipts. As agricultural products decline in price, our country towns will feel more sensibly the closeness of money; and the same causes which tend to decrease contributions also tend to increase the demands upon us for help. A financial condition of the country which lessens the receipts of our benevolent societies presses hard upon the feeble churches, and brings new ones as suppliants for help, or the request for increased aid from some already assisted.

There has been sent to the A. H. M. S., $3,885.88, which has been forwarded directly from the churches in the State to that society; making the whole amount provided for home missionary purposes in the State during the year to be $16,476.81.

STATISTICAL TABLES.

The following tables will be found to contain the principal statistics relating to the several aided churches and fields occupied during the year by the Ordinary and Itinerant departments, with brief notices of each :

TABULAR VIEW OF THE AIDED CHURCHES.

No.	CHURCHES.	MISSIONARIES.	DATE OF COMMISSION.	Length of Commis'n.	Aid Pledged.	Months of Labor.	Hopeful Conversions.	Added		Rem'd.			Resident Members.	Male Residents.	Non-Residents.	Average Congrega'n.	No. in Sab. School.	Contributions.	
								By Profession.	By Letter.	Dismissed.	Died.	Excluded.						Home Missions.	Other objects.
1	Alburgh..	Richard Hicks,	April 1, 1877	12	$200	12	0	0	0	2	1	0	47	12	30	90	90	.....	$8 00
2	Arlington East. ...	Julius C. McCollom,	Jan. 1, 1877	12	200	12	2	0	0	4	1	0	38	9	8	100	65	$6 00	.....
3	Berkshire East.....	Elias W. Hatch,	April 1, 1876	12	100	12	5	6	2	0	1	0	71	31	12	90	100	7 00	40 96
4	Berlin West.....	John P. Stone,	June 1, 1876	12	200	12	0	0	0	3	1	0	16	5	1	40	40	17 75	20 00
5	Bethel.....	Elbridge Gerry,	April 1, 1877	12	150	12	4	5	1	0	0	0	41	9	15	75	98	12 50	25 00
6	Burke East.	Matthew A. Gates.	Sept. 15, 1876	12	100	9	8	10	1	0	0	0	48	20	10	80	...	10 00	26 00
7	Charleston West.....	Wm. T. Herrick,	June 1, 1876	12	150	12	0	2	2	3	0	0	75	32	14	100	170	32 65	173 50
8	Colchester.....	Charles M. Seaton,	Jan. 1, 1876	12	150	7	1	3	3	0	0	0	47	7	13	80	73	32 00	40 80
		Alanson S. Barton,	Jan. 1, 1877	12	150	5	..	...	...	..	..	..	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.. ..
9	Danby.....	Lucien D. Mears,	Mar. 15, 1877	12	200	12	15	0	0	4	0	0	9	2	8	40	55	9 00	.. ...
10	Granby & Victory..	Charles Duren,	April 1, 1877	12	200	12	1	0	0	0	4	1	50	17	..	50	53	18 65	75 79
11	Essex Junction.....	John Cowan,	Jan. 1, 1877	12	100	5	0	1	0	3	1	0	15	35	13	100	110	5 20	.....
12	Guildhall.....	Josiah G. Willis,	Aug. 15, 1876	12	150	9	0	0	3	0	1	0	56	12	18	75	50	3 00	0
13	Hartland.....	Robert D. Miller,	Oct. 16, 1876	12	200	12	7	10	5	4	0	0	44	10	4	60	66	11 00	47 00
14	Highgate.....	James P. Stone,	Oct. 1, 1876	12	200	12	0	0	0	4	3	0	30	10	19	65	65	18 00	15 00
15	Holland.....	James Hay,	May 1, 1877	6	75	11	0	5	2	0	0	0	29	11	1	55	75	7 10	24 85
16	Jamaica.....	Amzi B. Emmons,	April 1, 1877	12	200	12	6	10	2	1	3	0	56	20	3	110	95	15 00	49 00
17	Londonderry.....	Eben C. Birge,	Feb. 20, 1876	12	200	9	1	0	4	1	1	0	39	10	1	75	30	50	10 00

18	Ludlow	Silas P. Cook,	June 1,	1876	12	200	8	0	0	2	2	1	1	71	17	29	90	97	9	24	117	36
19	Lunenburgh	George A. Perkins,	Nov. 1,	1876	12	200	12	0	3	2	6	3	1	67	22	29	86	107	17	00	106	00
20	Marshfield	Nelson F. Cobleigh,	June 1,	1876	12	200	12	0	3	0	0	1	1	49	22	7	74	87	19	00	32	10
21	Middletown	Osborn Myrick,	Nov. 1,	1876	12	200	12	4	4	1	0	2	0	40	8	32	100	114	14	00	10	00
22	Montgomery Center	Elias W. Hatch,	Jan. 1,	1876	12	100	12	8	4	0	4	3	0	29	13	7	68	80	9	00	12	75
23	Morgan	Wm. T. Herrick,	June 1,	1876	12	50	12	0	6	1	0	2	0	23	6	2	80	79	7	00	.....	
24	Morrisville	Vitellus M. Hardy,	Jan. 1,	1876	12	100	12	10	7	2	0	1	0	111	40	14	150	196	20	00	85	00
25	Newbury West	Amzi B. Lyon,	June 1,	1876	12	200	12	4	0	0	0	0	0	38	13	5	75	75	25	18	48	75
26	Orange	Geo. L. Harrington,	Oct. 1,	1876	12	300	8	1	3	1	0	0	0	51	21	1	70	107	5	25		0
27	Pittsfield	Charles W. Clark,	April 1,	1877	12	.....	12	10	6	0	0	2	0	49	20	7	94	36	10	00	24	25
28	Plainfield	Charles Redfield,	June 1,	1876	12	200	12	4	6	1	1	2	0	33	11	11	70	70	12	60	43	00
29	Pomfret	Allen Hazen,	May 15,	1876	12	200	12	25	7	1	0	0	0	57	19	9	68	125	11	33	23	67
30	Ripton	Cephas H. Kent,	June 1,	1876	12	200	12	0	2	1	0	1	0	63	20	16	45	45	30	00	110	00
31	Roxbury	Alden Ladd,	Oct. 1,	1876	12	300	12	1	2	0	0	0	0	59	20	9	75	50	22	00	30	00
32	Royalton South	S. K. B. Perkins,	Dec. 1,	1876	12	200	6	2	5	12	6	1	0	52	15	8	90	105	11	67	12	77
33	Saxton's River	Amos Holbrook,	Dec. 1,	1876	12	200	6	20	12	7	0	3	10	78	27	8	104	97	.....		70	47
34	St. Johnsbury Cent'r	Rowland S. Cross,	July 1,	1876	12	200	11	3	0	1	1	0	0	70	25	26	100	90	11	06	9	25
35	Stockbridge	Charles W. Clark,	April 1,	1877	12	125	12	1	3	0	1	2	0	51	19	19	75	88	20	00	24	50
36	Strafford	Henry Cummings,	Sept. 1,	1876	12	200	9	3	3	2	1	1	0	54	16	4	65	75	33	30	82	86
37	Sudbury	Henry F. Rustedt,	Sept. 1,	1876	12	200	12	0	0	0	1	0	0	19	5	5	40	15	.....		.....	
38	Wardsboro South	Edward F. Abbott,	May 1,	1877	12	200	12	2	24	0	0	0	0	41	15	18	52	65	7	60	9	59
39	Waterville	Richard Hicks,	Sept. 1,	1876	12	100	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	31	8	2	100	65	.....		.....	
40	Weston	C. J. Switzer,	May 1,	1876	12	200	11	0	5	0	1	1	0	37	18	11	45	25	11	56	10	70
41	Wilmington	Artemas C. Field,	April 1,	1877	12	200	12	0	0	2	2	1	0	51	18	34	70	55	7	50	15	00
42	Wolcott	E. J. Giddings,	Mar. 1,	1876	12	250	11	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....		.....	
		J. A. Bates,	May 1,	1877	..	.....	..	0	2	3	0	2	0	47	19	28	65	77	32	00	18	00
43	Woodbury	S. H. Robinson,	Jan. 16,	1875	12	300	8	12	12	2	0	1	0	50	18	3	70	100	0		0	
		Horace Herrick,	May 15,	1877	12	200	..	..	...	...	..	..	..	..	...	...	...	...	.....		.....	
44	Worcester	Royal D. Metcalf,	May 20,	1877	12	200	12	4	2	1	..	1	1	27	5	21	70	60	10	00	.....	
45	West Fairlee	Solon Martin,	June 1,	1876	12	200	12	8	6	1	0	2	0	45	18	16	65	45	15	00	36	00

THE AIDED CHURCHES.

1. ALBURGH. For several years this church has been without a resident minister with them through the year, though meetings have been kept up and they have had preaching most of the time. They have been strengthened by additions; have secured a resident minister; are building an excellent parsonage, and manifest a determination to have a more vigorous life.

2. ARLINGTON EAST. The financial weakness, caused by a removal of business from town, continues. The debt on the parsonage has been reduced $110 during the year; $600 more remains to be paid off. The missionary preaches once every Sabbath at West Arlington, where the attendance is good.

3. BERKSHIRE EAST. The year has been one of general prosperity. An increased spirit of labor has been manifest among the lay members. They have rendered good service by assisting in gospel meetings in other places. This church, which has been helped for some years, is endeavoring to raise its pastor's salary without help from the Missionary Society, and has not asked aid for another year.

4. BERLIN WEST. The missionary writes, "Within the year the church has had severe trials and discouragements. Both the church and congregation have been diminished by removals and death." The congregation is so small that it is a serious question whether the Society should appropriate $200 to this field, if by any plan they can be supplied, for at least a part of the time, with less expense.

5. BETHEL. The church and congregation have suffered from business failures and the removal of persons from town. Successful "doctrinal meetings have been held during the entire year. The attendance upon these has been large, in some cases equaling the attendance upon the regular preaching services."

6. BURKE EAST. This little church, after having been without preaching for three years or more, again have a minister and are adding to their numbers and renewing their strength. They have formed an alliance with a new church, organized within the year at Kirby, by which they propose to have the same minister, and, for a term of five years, have preaching three fourths of the time at East Burke and one fourth of the time at Kirby.

7. CHARLESTON WEST. The financial ability of this church and congregation has been diminishing for a few years past They have been earnest and liberal givers, both for the support

of preaching among themselves and for other benevolent work; but some of its most liberal givers have been seriously crippled and are unable to give as they have done. The missionary expected to leave this summer, but providential causes induce him to remain for the present.

8. COLCHESTER. Rev. C. M. Seaton, who has labored here faithfully for eight years, closed his labors January 1, 1877. They soon after procured the services of Rev. A. S. Barton, who is now ministering to them. The large proportion of young people in this parish makes it a very hopeful field, and the present an important season for faithful labor.

9. DANBY. This church is the only one that now sustains meetings in the village. In November they had the services of a female evangelist who held meetings for eleven days. Considerable interest was awakened and several persons seemed to be converted, but few have as yet been inclined to connect themselves with the church. The moral tone of the church and community seems to be improving.

10. GRANBY AND VICTORY. The missionary says, "The church has suffered during the year from the removal of several of its choice members. The ability to support preaching has been diminished, but the usual amount has been raised promptly and cheerfully. Most of the members are very reliable in the discharge of their usual duties. Five sixths of the population may be considered as regular or frequent attendants on public worship."

11. ESSEX JUNCTION. This church has applied for aid within the year. They are united in the support of their minister, who divides his time between this church and the one at Essex Center. They hope to need aid only for a year or so.

12. GUILDHALL. After being without preaching for two or three years, this church opened their house of worship again in August last, since which time they have had regular services. They have painted and otherwise repaired their church edifice.

13. HARTLAND. The missionary says, "The church has been unusually quickened and strengthened in a series of meetings led by Rev. E. A. Whittier, and some have been added to its membership as the result. Christians are more prayerful and hopeful than for many years past."

14. HIGHGATE. The reports from this church have been for several years anything but cheering. In the last one the mission-

ary writes, "My heart is pained that I cannot give a more favorable report, but such as I have I give. No reviving. Church in a low and indifferent state. Discipline is needed. Deaths and removals are constantly weakening us; yet the Sabbath congregations seem rather respectable — nearly as large as in previous years."

15. HOLLAND. This church has been favored the past year in having the services of Rev. James Hay, and has made some gain in members and in harmony.

16. JAMAICA. Another year of prosperity in spiritual things has been enjoyed by this church, and they have manifested a brave purpose to hold on, though suffering from business depression. The missionary has seen the reward of faithful labor.

17. LONDONDERRY. The missionary left at the close of his year, in February. The present state of things is not encouraging.

18. LUDLOW. The illness of the pastor, by which he has been entirely laid aside from work for the present, is deeply felt by the church. They, however, hope for his return to them again. Meetings are sustained in his absence and the pulpit is kept supplied.

19. LUNENBURGH. For many years this church has sustained preaching without aid, till within a little more than a year past. With some decrease in pecuniary ability, there seems to be an increasing feeling of indifference and lack of responsibility on the part of some of its members. Without faith, resolution, and a determined purpose to bear the burdens which God in his providence lays upon a community, no church can expect to thrive and be carried safely through their times of trial.

20. MARSHFIELD. A good degree of prosperity has attended the work here, for the past seven years, under the ministry of Mr. Cobleigh. We are sorry that for any cause a pastorate so pleasant and useful as this has been should be sundered. But by advice of a Council it was dissolved on the last of May. We hope the church will soon secure another minister.

21. MIDDLETOWN. This church complains of the continued loss of their young people by emigration. They are however encouraged to steadfastness and self-denial by the reports that come back of the good being done by their sons and daughters in other places, some of them far away from the home of their childhood.

22. MONTGOMERY. This little church has been revived during the year and has received some additions, but has suffered a great

loss in the death of Rev. Sewall Paine, its former pastor. Though laid aside many years ago by illness from the work of the ministry, he has lived with and added strength to this church. Rev. E. W. Hatch, of East Berkshire, preaches here a part of the time.

23. MORGAN. Rev. W. T. Herrick, of West Charleston, has preached here, or part of the time, for another year. The hand of death has removed the most active, able and efficient male member of this church, but the Lord has added to its members during the year.

24. MORRISVILLE. Blessing has continued to attend the labors of the missionary here. Some efforts have been made toward self-support, and we confidently look to see this church independent of all missionary aid at an early day.

25. NEWBURY WEST. The missionary preaches, on alternate Sabbaths, in two different places. Several hopeful conversions were reported last year and a few this, but the number gathered into the church is small.

26. ORANGE. This church was received into the Ordinary Department October 1st, 1876. They settled a pastor about the same time. From various causes, partly by reason of financial difficulties, Mr. Harrington has asked for a dissolution of the pastoral relation. The attendance on meetings is good; the interest in and purpose to sustain them is unabated.

27. PITTSFIELD. Gospel meetings, held in January, were blessed to quite an extensive religious interest in the town. The church has not been materially strengthened by this work pecuniarily.

28. PLAINFIELD. The missionary closed his four years labor here with the first of June, 1877. His health is poor. He leaves the church united and in a better condition than when he came. Vigorous efforts should be made to keep up religious institutions by this church.

29. POMFRET. Considerable religious interest is reported in this field, helped on by gospel meetings. The missionary will probably leave at an early day. His labors have been well received and productive of good. This church has suffered in the past from frequent changes. Divers elements in the town stand in the way of harmony and growth.

30. RIPTON. The missionary, through some infirmities, prosecutes his work. The town is sparsely settled. The church is

small, and it is with much difficulty that a sufficient amount is raised to sustain preaching.

31. ROXBURY. About the usual amount of prosperity has been enjoyed by the church during the year. The family of the pastor has been seriously afflicted with illness, and some events have disturbed somewhat the usually existing harmony in the parish.

32. ROYALTON SOUTH. After being without preaching for some two years this church has again a resident minister. While without a pastor they kept up Sabbath meetings with regularity and commendable interest. Their present minister writes, "The meeting house has been thoroughly repaired inside and out. All the interests of the church are promptly attended to. They have adopted the plan of monthly contributions to benevolent objects. Seventeen have been added to the church. The prospect for the growth and usefulness of the church appears to be very promising."

33. SAXTON'S RIVER. This church being without any minister and much discouraged and weakened, applied to this Society to help them sustain a minister. They secured the services of Rev. A. Holbrook, and have been blessed with a refreshing from the presence of the Lord. It is expected that they will soon assume the support of their pastor.

34. ST. JOHNSBURY CENTER. The fire of two years ago and financial failures, with some removals, have seriously crippled this church. It is hoped, however, that they will be able to retain their present minister and gradually recover strength.

35. STOCKBRIDGE. This church, which is in the village of Gaysville, reports some quickening of spiritual life, and more activity on the part of its members. Their prospects are encouraging.

36. STRAFFORD. This church was aided by the Sustentation Committee so long as they had funds. They then applied to this Society. During the year there has been a good degree of prosperity. Two district Sabbath-schools were sustained through the summer and fall. The parsonage has been repaired. One young man is in college, having the ministry in view. The missionary writes, "The prospects of this church are slowly but really brightening as the years come and go."

37. SUDBURY. The missionary has labored here continuously for twenty years. He writes, "When I came here in 1857 the owners of the farms in the town had large families, and, though not professors of personal religion, they took interest in its exter-

nals and aided in its support with their means, but these, by death or emigration, are nearly all removed. The few who remain are old and feeble, and seldom appear among us. Of the nineteen resident members, only four are under sixty, and I am over seventy years of age." The prospects of this little church certainly look dark.

38. WARDSBORO SOUTH. This church has been greatly blessed during the year with a precious revival, and have received twenty-four into covenant on confession. Though enlarged in their membership, their pecuniary ability is not increased.

39. WATERVILLE. Rev. A. Hicks, of Bakersfield, preached here regularly every other Sabbath till the close of his year. As they worship in a Union house, in connection with the Methodists, they can have the use of the church building only on alternate Sabbaths. The church has suffered a serious loss during the year in the death of Mrs. Tirzah Codding, a mother in Israel, who has done as much for years in giving life and strength to the church as any other member.

40. WESTON. Divisions have deprived this church of strength. The missionary closed his labors at the end of his year. The church is now shut up and the daughter of Zion mourns.

41. WILMINGTON. The church building has been repaired and a good vestry completed beneath it without debt. Much interest has been manifested in the cause of temperance, and the church and pastor have stood unitedly in their advocacy of it.

42. WOLCOTT. This church has parted with one minister and secured another during the year. They find it difficult to raise, with help from the Missionary Society, all that is needed for current expenses.

43. WOODBURY. Mr. Robinson left at the close of his year. He acccomplished a good work during his stay, and left the church in a hopeful state. They have since secured the services of Rev. Horace Herrick for a year. Meetings are well attended at the Center and at South Woodbury.

44. WORCESTER. Meetings have been sustained through the year, but the church is much reduced in numbers and ability.

45. WEST FAIRLEE. More religious interest is reported than for several years before, and increased religious activity. Repairs have been made on the house of worship and on the parsonage. One young man has commenced a course of study with the ministry in view.

TABULAR VIEW OF ITINERANT FIELDS.

FIELDS AND MISSIONARIES.	BEGUN.	Months of labor	Weekly Salary.	Traveling Expenses.	Amount Paid. By the People.	Amount Paid. By the Society.	Amount Paid. Total.	Average Congregation.	No. in Sabbath-school.
1. ALBURGH								125	68
H. S. Slack	May 27, 1876	16	$8 00	$10 00	$140 00	$	$166 00		
2. BRAINTREE								80	55
A. T. Swing	May 21, 1876	14	8 00	10 00	20 56	109 44	130 00		
W. B. Hague	May 25, 1877	1	8 00						
3. BRAINTREE EAST								125	75
S. C. Bushnell	May 18, 1876	13	8 50	10 50	70 00	60 00	125 00		
Joseph B. Thrall	May 25, 1877	1	8 00						
4. BRIDGEWATER								75	28
R. G. Bugbee	May 29, 1876	11	8 00	7 00	103 00		103 00		
E. P. Armstrong	May 25, 1877	1	8 00						
5. CALAIS EAST								64	25
A. K. Torrey	May 20, 1876	15	8 00	9 10	25 00	112 00	137 00		
A. B. Cristy	May 25, 1877	1	8 00						
6. ORANGE								285	80
T. P. Vaille	June 1, 1875	10			104 00	62 00	166 00		
7. SIMONSVILLE								75	25
J. R. Flint	May 10, 1877	3	8 00						

ITINERANT FIELDS.

1. ALBURGH. A student labored here with encouraging results through the summer. A revival was enjoyed through the winter in connection with gospel meetings. In the spring a resident minister was secured. See under Ordinary Department.

2. BRAINTREE. The history of this church is much the same from year to year. Meetings during the summer, with preaching and considerable interest; in the winter public services are suspended, and the church closed till the coming of a student again. Five were gathered into the church during the year. One young man is studying theology.

3. BRAINTREE EAST and WEST BROOKFIELD. This church sustains meetings through the year, though they have preaching only during the summer months. Some arrangement should be made, by this church and the one on Braintree Hill, to employ a minister together, and so have preaching through the year. In this way they might have a minister resident in the town, and make greater gains than they now do.

4. BRIDGEWATER. There are few towns that need the preaching of the gospel more than they do in this one. The results of our labors here for years past are not as abundant as we could wish. But the coming forth of one young man to the work of the ministry from this community is, perhaps, encouragement enough to labor on in faith and hope.

5. CALAIS EAST. As there were no other religious services in this part of the town, students were sent to minister to the people last and the present summer. We hope that, in due time, the Lord will bless our labors if we faint not.

6. ORANGE. When Mr. Vaille closed his labors, or soon after, a church was organized here; and on the settlement of his successor this was transferred to the Ordinary Department.

7. SIMONSVILLE. We were glad to answer a call from the people in this place for the labors of a student during the present summer. He has been kindly received, and though there are few Christian people to help him, he is prosecuting his work with good courage.

SUMMARY.

MISSIONARIES.

The whole number of missionaries whom the Society has aided in sustaining the last year is fifty-seven, in fifty-nine different fields. Eleven of these have been employed in the itinerant work. Thirty-seven years of service have been performed. Twenty-six missionaries have continued through the year in the parishes where they were the year previous. Eight of these are settled pastors. Nine missionaries minister to two congregations each.

INGATHERING.

Though the spiritual harvest and ingathering has not been as bountiful as was reported a year ago, yet the Lord has remembered Zion and blessed the poor of His people. Several churches have been refreshed with an unusual measure of the Spirit, and sinners have been converted to God. Those that have shared most largely in the converting power of the Spirit are Morrisville, Pittsfield, Pomfret, Saxtons River, South Wardsboro and Danby. Twelve churches report no additions by profession and seven of these none by letter. Three report neither additions nor conversions. The whole number of conversions has been 169. The additions have been 295; of which 224 were by profession. The losses have been 143—50 by dismission, 48 by letter and 15 by exclusion; leaving a net gain of 152.

ITINERANT WORK.

Itinerant laborers have been employed, during parts of the year, in Alburgh, Bridgewater, Braintree Hill, East Braintree and

West Brookfield, East Calais, Simonsville and Orange. The church in Alburgh has been considerably strengthened by a revival. They have secured a pastor in whom they are united, and are building a parsonage. In Orange, as the fruit of some years of itinerant labor, and especially of a precious revival which occurred more than a year since under the labors of Mr. T. P. Vaille, a church was organized on the 26th of June last, consisting of forty-eight members, of which all but seven were received by profession. Since then three others have been added, making at present a church of fifty-one members. Very soon after their organization they gave a call to Mr. G. L. Harrington, who accepted and was ordained pastor of the church in October last. From the lack of experience in raising funds for church purposes, and of careful adherence to business principles in the management of their financial affairs, they too readily pledged a salary beyond the amount of their subscription, and possibly beyond their ability to pay, which has involved them in some present embarrassment, but which, however, we trust will work for them an experience most profitable in coming years.

The church in Woodbury, which has received an addition of fourteen members during the year, has been transferred to the Ordinary Department, is supplied with preaching, and continues to have services at the Center and South Woodbury alternately, thus meeting the religious wants of the town.

Though the number of fields we have occupied in this department is less, from various causes, than formerly, the fruit has been most abundant.

FIELDS.

Nine churches are on our roll that were not aided the year previous. One of these came to us as a legacy from the Sustentation Committee. The remaining eight were either without ministers at the beginning of the year or have, in the change of times, felt compelled to call for help. Several churches that have sustained preaching without help for many years, but have by slow degrees been declining and are now sensitive to every influence that diminishes their pecuniary ability, are beginning to feel that they shall be obliged to give up their ministers or call for aid. In some instances, this weakness results from causes for which they are not to blame and cannot control—such as deaths, emigration and financial losses that put it beyond their power to sustain a minister. In a few cases, where two or three churches of different denominations exist in the same community, the current of popular favor has set toward a church of a different denomination, making it a serious question whether it continues to be a duty for a Congregational church, and for us to help them, to sustain a

feeble church at great cost, when the people without it will be well accommodated with other evangelical preaching.

DYING CHURCHES.

It is generally a very difficult question to decide when it is the duty of a church to die, or to say when it *is* dead and write its obituary; for it has a divine life in it, and not unfrequently when the fire seems to have gone out upon its altar, and the smoke of its sacrifices to have ceased forever, and it is forsaken of men, a breath from heaven will blow upon its ashes, awake to life the dying embers hidden beneath, and make them glow as did the fire on Mount Carmel that consumed the very stones. There are a number of the feeble churches in this State that, during the past twenty-five years, have had several seasons of spring-time, revivals in which they have put forth leaves and flowers, and brought forth rich and abundant fruit to the glory of God, which, in a year or two after, have lost by emigration the entire harvest that they had gathered, and in discouragement have passed through a cheerless winter season without preaching, and apparently with no prospect of again giving any signs of life. But again and again the Sun of Righteousness, with healing in His beams, has risen upon them and thawed away the frosts from their branches and roots; the soft breezes of heaven have blown upon them, the showers and dews of God's grace have descended, and another season of reviving and fruit-bearing has followed. The little church in East Burke is one of this class. It has several times seemed as though its days were numbered and it never again would have another minister, or be of any more use in the furtherance of God's kingdom. But the life of God has been in it, and the fruit that has been shaken from its branches is widely scattered over our land. Other communities have been blessed by it. It now has a minister again, is gathering new souls into the garner of the Lord, and who shall say that it shall ever die?

Our duty certainly is to help such churches to *live* so long as they give signs of life, rather than to suffer them to die; and not pronounce them dead till their members are all safely folded in other churches, or called of God to wait on Him in His courts above. For some of them not only bring forth fruit in old age, but, during a long life, of what seems to the looker on to be but a prolonged death, they, every now and then, give evidence of their divine mission, and impart life and blessing to others. So the church in Barnard, where the mountain of the Lord's house was exalted above the hills, for so many years furnished seed wheat for the church in Woodstock, and shed blessing on the other churches in the surrounding valleys, that they keep her in everlasting re-

membrance; believe themselves yet blessed by her life; speak eloquently of her holy influence; look reverently to the hill where she walked with God and held her court; and, though but one member survives in the town, no one dares yet to lift up his hands in benediction and say, "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord."

It is a pleasure for us to bear witness that, with a few exceptions, the churches that we aid are making commendable exertions to live and deny themselves, that they may have a prolonged life. Some of them show a self-denial, strength of faith, and determination to stand in their lot, and hold up the banner of Christ to the end, that is worthy of all praise. The fields of Zion produce no fairer flowers of piety than bloom in some of our feeble churches, making otherwise barren wastes to be fragrant with the aroma of the gospel, and beautiful with the ripening fruits of faith and patient continuance in well-doing.

MISSION SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK.

There are some matters connected with the American Home Missionary Society, and our relation to it, of which it seems proper for us to speak. During the year, the American Home Missionary Society has added a new department to its work. By the advice of the last National Council, it has undertaken "to promote the establishment and maintenance of Sunday-schools in home missionary fields, and to aid them when necessary with Sunday-school literature." It has always planted and kept up Sunday-schools in the fields where its missionaries have labored. It has, however, never appropriated funds for this special work or to supply such schools with libraries and Sunday-school papers. In taking from the Congregational Publishing Society the special work of planting and sustaining new schools in missionary districts, and supplying them with a Christian literature, as far as may be best, it proposes to operate mostly through its missionaries and with little increased cost. The American Home Missionary Society asked the State Auxiliaries to help it, by working their several fields in the interest of the new department, exactly as they do of the old; organizing schools when needed within their bounds as they now do churches; applying out of funds for Sunday-school work, in their own bounds, what amount may be needed, and then remitting the surplus to the National Society for similar work in *its* mission fields. Moneys given for this purpose are to be kept entirely distinct from what is given for the general mission work. All the Auxiliaries signified their willingness to co-operate with the parent society in this work. The executive committee of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society adopted last spring the following minutes:

"1st. As an auxiliary of the American Home Missionary Society, we will aid them in prosecuting the mission Sunday-school work, and, as far as Vermont is concerned, will do what lies in our power to make it a success.

"2d. As this work is for the benefit of needy Sunday-schools, it appeals especially to the Sunday-schools of the country for support. And we deem it advisable in Vermont to raise the funds needful to promote it mainly by contributions from the Sunday-schools.

"3d. The Secretary of this Society is authorized to lay this matter before the churches and Sunday-schools in the State, in person or by circular, and take measures to interest them in contributing to this object, and hereafter this shall be made a branch of our home missionary work.

"4th. The Treasurer is directed to open a separate account for all funds received for this work, and make a separate report of all receipts and disbursements for it.

"5th. All funds contributed for this mission Sunday-school work shall be strictly devoted to this object; and all not clearly needed to supply mission Sunday-schools in this State with religious reading shall each quarter, by order of the Secretary, be forwarded to the Treasurer of the American Home Missionary Society, New York, to aid in promoting the same work in other parts of the country."

It is hoped that the Sunday-schools connected with our churches will give this object a place in their annual offerings. We have already received the first fruits toward this work, which was embraced in the Treasurer's report.

MISSIONARY MEETINGS.

For the purpose of awakening a deeper interest in home missions, and especially to impart reliable intelligence in regard to the work on the frontier, the American Home Missionary Society brought to New England last spring two of their superintendents from the West—Rev. L. H. Cobb of Minnesota and Rev. J. H. Warren, D. D., of California—both men of ability, thoroughly acquainted with their work, and interesting speakers. They came to Vermont, and, from the 6th to the 17th of May, missionary meetings were held daily, generally twice a day, in some of the principal towns in the State. Those meetings were well attended, and, it is believed, helpful in awakening some fresh interest in our missionary work throughout the country. It is to be regretted that the time these brethren could spend in the State was so limited that they could reach but comparatively few of our towns. Information such as they imparted is very helpful in giving clear and intelligent views of our home work, and deepening the conviction of its magnitude and importance.

OUR DUTY.

Our duty to our country and to our Lord is not discharged by simply sustaining the feeble churches in Vermont, or by sending

out thousands of our sons and daughters to settle and Christianize the West. We must follow them with our prayers. We must help them and their neighbors, gathered from every nation on the face of the earth, to the preaching of the gospel till Christian privileges shall be as universally enjoyed through all the empires of the West as they are in our own beloved State. The vast extent of our country; the rapidity with which the new states and territories are being settled; the activity of all the evil forces of society in new villages; the great difficulty of changing the moral character of a community when the influences which become dominant at its settlement are irreligious or infidel,—these things, taken in connection with the large foreign element with which we have to wrestle, especially the Romish and Mongolian, admonish us that in our missionary work West we must do with our might what our hands find to do. We must, with the power of gospel truth, mould society in all the new settlements while in its formative period, and see to it that it "crystalizes about the church and the school-house, and not about the grog-shop or an idol-temple."

While, therefore, for the sake of God and our country, we suffer none of our State feeble churches to languish for want of help, let us labor to Christianize our whole land, so that what the sainted Jeremiah Evarts saw in vision shall become a reality, viz: "That the Sun as he rises on a Sabbath morning and travels westward from New England to Oregon shall behold countless millions assembling, as if by a common impulse, in the temples with which every valley, hill-top and plain shall be adorned; so that the morning psalm and evening anthem, commencing with the dwellers on the Atlantic coast, shall be sustained by the loud chorus of ten thousand times ten thousand in the valley of the Mississippi, and prolonged by the thousands of thousands on the shores of the Pacific." So shall the name of Christ be glorified from sea to sea and from shore to shore, and our whole land become Immanuel's land, a mountain of holiness, a dwelling-place of righteousness.

For the Directors. C. S. SMITH, *Secretary.*

RECEIPTS

OF THE

VT. DOMESTIC MISSIONARY SOCIETY,

For the Year Ending June 18, 1877.

	For Ordinary Department.	For Itinerant Department.	From Itinerant Fields.
ADDISON COUNTY.			
BRIDPORT	$74 00	$	$
CORNWALL—$45 47; Ladies' Cent Society, $17 63	45 47	17 63	
MIDDLEBURY—Gentlemen and Ladies	168 61		
NEW HAVEN	105 00		
RIPTON	30 00		
SHOREHAM	27 00		
WEYBRIDGE—A friend	1 00		
BENNINGTON COUNTY.			
ARLINGTON EAST	6 00		
BENNINGTON—1st Church	28 29		
BENNINGTON—2d Church, to const. Rev. E. G. Read a L. M. of the V. D. M. S.	41 96		
DORSET	25 00		
MANCHESTER—to const. Mr. R. C. Gray a L. M. of the A. H. M. S.	35 20		
CALEDONIA COUNTY.			
BARNET	42 00		
" McINDOES FALLS	6 63		
BURKE EAST	10 00		
DANVILLE	25 00		
LYNDON	7 93		
PEACHAM	54 53		
ST. JOHNSBURY CENTER	11 00		
ST. JOHNSBURY EAST	50 50		
ST. JOHNSBURY NORTH—$95 30 of which for Sustentation Cause	278 35		
ST. JOHNSBURY NORTH—Hon. Horace Fairbanks	250 00		
ST. JOHNSBURY SOUTH	563 63		
ST. JOHNSBURY SOUTH—Mr. Thaddeus Fairbanks		500 00	
ST. JOHNSBURY—Messrs. E. & T. Fairbanks & Co.	$1000		
WATERFORD—Annie M. Wells, Wellington, So. Africa	10 00		
CHITTENDEN COUNTY.			
BURLINGTON—3d Church	127 33		
CHARLOTTE	20 00		
COLCHESTER	30 00		
ESSEX CENTER	5 30		
JERICHO CENTER—A friend, $11 00	30 00		
WESTFORD	22 00		
WILLISTON	9 53		

	For Ordinary Department.	For Itinerant Department.	From Itinerant Fields.
ESSEX COUNTY.			
GRANBY	$20 52	$	$
GUILDHALL	3 00		
LUNENBURGH	15 00		
FRANKLIN COUNTY.			
BERKSHIRE EAST	7 00		
HIGHGATE	18 00		
ST. ALBANS—1st Church	226 45		
SWANTON—$18 10; Ladies' Cent Society $28 60	18 10	28 60	
SHELDON	7 00		
FRANKLIN AND GRAND ISLE CONFERENCE		5 15	
GRAND ISLE COUNTY.			
ALBURGH	10 00		146 00
LAMOILLE COUNTY.			
JOHNSON	7 00		
MORRISVILLE—To constitute Mrs. V. M. Hardy and Dea. John Terrill L. M. of the V. D. M. S.	20 00		
STOWE—Ladies' Cent Society $8 32	19 87	8 32	
WOLCOTT	38 60		
LAMOILLE COUNTY CONFERENCE		2 50	
ORANGE COUNTY.			
BRADFORD—Ladies' Cent Society, $28.85	37 58	28 85	
BRAINTREE			20 56
BRAINTREE EAST AND WEST BROOKFIELD	10 00		70 00
BROOKFIELD—1st Church	12 07		
BROOKFIELD—2d Church	15 00		
CORINTH	17 70		
NEWBURY	82 43		
" WELLS RIVER	50 00		
" WEST	25 18		
ORANGE			173 69
RANDOLPH	10 00		
RANDOLPH WEST	30 45		
STRAFFORD	33 32		
THETFORD—To constitute Mrs. David Turner a L. M. of the A.H.M.S.	80 00		
TUNBRIDGE	1 87		
WEST FAIRLEE	15 00		
WILLIAMSTOWN	10 00		
ORLEANS COUNTY.			
BARTON—Ladies' Cent Society		13 00	
BROWNINGTON and BARTON LANDING	6 94		
CHARLESTON WEST	16 85		
CRAFTSBURY	12 00		
GLOVER	15 30		
HOLLAND	7 00		
MORGAN	7 00		
NEWPORT	29 00		
WESTFIELD	6 00		
ORLEANS COUNTY CONFERENCE		6 57	
RUTLAND COUNTY.			
BRANDON—To constitute Mrs. O. Gill a L. M. of the V. D. M. S	20 00		
BENSON	27 00		
DANBY	9 00		
FAIR HAVEN	14 10		
MIDDLETOWN	14 50		
PITTSFORD—To constitute Henry Sherman, George C. Wheaton, Chester Thomas and Oliver Bates L. M. of the A. H. M. S.	120 00		
PITTSFIELD	10 00		
RUTLAND WEST	106 60		

RUTLAND COUNTY—CONTINUED.	For Ordinary Department.	For Itinerant Department.	From Itinerant Fields.
SUDBURY	$12 00	$	$
WALLINGFORD - $30 of which from A. W., to constitute Miss Ada L. Edgerton a L. M. of the A. H. M. S.	85 75		
WALLINGFORD—Ladies' Cent Society		21 72	
WASHINGTON COUNTY.			
BARRE	25 00		
BERLIN	7 00		
BERLIN WEST	17 75		
CABOT	8 00		
CALAIS EAST			25 00
MARSHFIELD	38 31		
MONTPELIER	103 48		
NORTHFIELD	19 00		
PLAINFIELD—Of which $10 00 from C. R.	22 60		
ROXBURY	22 00		
WATERBURY—To constitute Rev. S. H. Wheeler a L. M. of A. H. M. S.	30 00		
WORCESTER	10 00		
WINDHAM COUNTY.			
BELLOWS FALLS	25 83		
BRATTLEBORO	135 51		
BRATTLEBORO WEST	54 52		
DUMMERSTON	37 75		
FAYETTEVILLE	8 70		
JAMAICA	15 00		
PUTNEY	8 00		
SAXTON'S RIVER—Dr. Pettingill	5 00		
TOWNSHEND	23 50		
WARDSBORO SOUTH	7 60		
WESTMINSTER	13 10		
WESTMINSTER WEST	48 23		
WILMINGTON	7 50		
WINDSOR COUNTY.			
BETHEL	12 50		
BRIDGEWATER			103 00
CHESTER	18 37		
HARTFORD	32 77		
HARTFORD WEST	4 75		
HARTLAND	10 00		
LUDLOW	19 54		
NORWICH	58 66		
POMFRET	11 33		
ROYALTON	15 00		
ROYALTON SOUTH	11 67		
SPRINGFIELD	36 29		
STOCKBRIDGE	20 00		
WESTON	11 56		
WINDSOR	38 45		
WOODSTOCK—Ladies' Cent Society, $22.50	64 12	22 50	
WINDSOR COUNTY CONFERENCE		6 55	
OTHER RECEIPTS.			
Annual Collection at Barton	111 36		
C. F. Thompson, for Sustentation Committee	2 50		
Estate of Augustus Lee, Jericho	176 78		
Estate of Mrs. Betsey Simonds, Pittsford	437 66		
Estate of C. N. Haywood, Bridport	1000 00		
Interest on J. Y. Bevens' note	60 00		
Interest on N. Larkins's note	40 77		
Dividend on State of Maine, N. H., U. S., and C. & P. R. R. R.	207 00		
Montpelier Manufacturing Company	36 00		
C. F. French's Estate, interest	30 00		
Interest on S. Smith's note	30 00		
Estate of Elisha Hazen, West Hartford	250 00		
Estate of Hon. Erastus Fairbanks, St. Johnsbury		500 00	

Besides the above, there have been received for the Mission Sunday-School work:

MONTPELIER—Children	$20 00
HARTFORD—Sunday School	8 57

TREASURER'S REPORT.

J. C. EMERY, *Treasurer*,

In account with the VERMONT DOMESTIC SOCIETY.

DEBIT.

1876.			
June 19.	To cash, balance in treasury		$3000 75
"	received from legacies	$1864 44	
"	" " dividends and interest	409 77	
"	" " Ordinary Department	5615 30	
"	" " Itinerant "	1162 32	
"	" " Field "	538 25	
			$9590 08
			$12590 83

CREDIT.

By paid orders of Secretary:		
Ordinary Department	$6824 26	
Itinerant "	1171 02	
J. & J. M. Poland, printing	142 23	
Rev. C. S. Smith, salary and expenses	1438 20	
Cash in treasury to balance	3015 12	
		$12590 83

HOME MISSIONARY SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK.

DEBIT.

1877.			
June 13.	Montpelier Children's offering	$20 00	
	Hartford Sunday School	8 87	$28 87

CREDIT.

June 15.	By sent W. H. Smith, New York	$28 87

MONTPELIER, June 18, 1877.

I have this day examined the accounts of J. C. Emery, Treasurer of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society, for the year ending this day, the result of which is stated above, showing a balance of $3,015.12 in his hands to be hereafter accounted for. All charges made are sustained by proper vouchers. The Investment Fund remains as reported on 19th June, 1876.

J. A. PAGE, *Auditor.*

ACKNOWLEDGED IN THE AMERICAN HOME MISSIONARY.

Receipts as acknowledged in the American Home Missionary during the year ending May 31, 1877, which have not passed through our treasury.

June, 1876.	ADDISON COUNTY, a Friend	$30 00
	BRATTLEBORO, T.	25 00
	BURLINGTON, Ladies of College st. church, freight,	3 50
	GEORGIA, Legacy of Mrs. Susan G. Bliss	212 62
	PEACHAM, Mrs. D. S. Chamberlin	30 00
	RYEGATE, Legacy of Mrs. E. A. Dickey	79 84
July.	GEORGIA, Legacy of Mrs. Susan G. Bliss	311 80
	SHELDON, A. E. McLean	30 00
	WESTMINSTER WEST, D. Goddard	10 00
August.	BRATTLEBORO, Mrs. L.	25 00
	EAST BERKSHIRE, Pilgrim	30
	GEORGIA	8 19
	LYNDON, Mrs. P. Goss	1 00
	NORTH THETFORD, Mrs. E. G. Baxter	8 00
	ST. JOHNSBURY CENTER	19 50
	STOWE, Friends	30 00
	SUTTON, Legacy of Mrs. H. B. Hyde	100 00
	WEST RUTLAND, Sunday-school	28 58
	WINDHAM, a debtor to A. H. M. S.	4 40
September.	BRATTLEBORO, Legacy of J. L. Dickerman	621 83
November.	GREENSBORO, Mrs. J. D. Pinney	10 00
	MIDDLEBURY, a Friend of Missions	2 00
	NEWBURY, Mrs. F. Keyes	30 00
December.	NEWBURY, Hon. P. W. Ladd	5 00
January, 1877.	BENSON, J.	1 00
	BROOKFIELD, North Church	20 50
	CHESTER, Female Cent Society	30 00
	CHESTER, Mrs. L. G. Whiting	5 00
	ST. ALBANS, Sunday-school	100 00
	ST. ALBANS, Ladies, freight	4 15
	WEST CHARLESTON, Rev. W. T. Herrick	12 00
February.	BARTON, Ladies' Society	6 00
	BRATTLEBORO, H. Hadley	20 00
	CASTLETON, freight	1 00
	ESSEX, Dea. A. Osgood	31 00
	GEORGIA, Legacy of Mrs. S. G. Bliss	64 34
	ORWELL	35 00
	PITTSFORD, Messrs. P. & M. Humphrey & wives	12 03
	SWANTON, freight	1 35
	WOODSTOCK, $100 of which from Hon. F. Billings.	114 60
March.	BRADFORD, G. L. Butler	20 00
	BRATTLEBORO, Mrs. L. $25; T. $25	50 00
	BURLINGTON, Ladies College street church, freight	3 00
	DUMMERSTON, L. G. Chase	10 00
	MANCHESTER, A. Heminway	10 00
	NEWBURY, Ladies' Benevolent Society, freight	4 00
	SPRINGFIELD	192 15
	SPRINGFIELD, A. Woolson	100 00
	THETFORD, Rev. C. F. Morse	5 60
April.	BRATTLEBORO, Friends	70 00
	CASTLETON	37 25
	CHESTER, Dr. J. N. Moore	10 00
	LUNENBURGH, W. W.	1 00
	ST. JOHNSBURY NORTH, E. A. Walker	24 00
	WATERBURY, L. Hutchins	25 00
	WEST TOWNSHEND	9 05
May.	RUTLAND, Legacy of Alvin Turney	225 00
	SPRINGFIELD, F. Parks	200 00
	SWANTON, Mrs. E. Stone	6 00
	THETFORD, Legacy of Miss Eunice White	800 00
		$3,885 98

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VERMONT EDUCATION SOCIETY.

The VERMONT EDUCATION SOCIETY held its Annual Meeting at Bradford, June 20th, 1877.

Rev. C. W. THOMPSON presided.

Rev. R. T. HALL led the Assembly in prayer.

The reports of the Secretary and Treasurer were presented and adopted.

The Society was addressed by Rev. H. W. JONES, of St. Johnsbury.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President—M. H. BUCKHAM, D. D.

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The Society then adjourned.

AUSTIN HAZEN, *Secretary.*

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OF
TIME FOR TAKING CONTRIBUTIONS IN THE CHURCHES.

COUNTIES.	JANUARY and FEBRUARY.	MARCH and APRIL	MAY and JUNE	JULY and AUGUST	SEPTEMBER and OCTOBER	NOVEMBER and DECEMBER
WINDHAM and WINDSOR	Bible Society. Cong. Pub. Soc.	Foreign Missions. Work in Pap. l'ds.	Home Missions.	Education. Sustentation.	Congreg'l Union. Tract Society.	Am. Miss. Assoc.
ORANGE and WASHINGTON	Am. Miss. Assoc.	Bible Society. Congre'l Pub. Soc.	Foreign Missions. Work in Pap. l'ds.	Home Missions.	Education. Sustentation.	Congreg'l Union. Tract Society.
BENNINGTON and RUTLAND	Congreg'l Union. Tract Society.	Am. Miss. Assoc.	Bible Society. Congre'l Pub. Soc.	Foreign Missions. Work in Pap. l'ds.	Home Missions.	Education. Sustentation.
ADDISON and CHITTENDEN	Education. Sustentation.	Congreg'l Union. Tract Society.	Am. Miss. Assoc.	Bible Society. Congre'l Pub. Soc.	Foreign Missions. Work in Pap. l'ds.	Home Missions.
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ORLEANS, CALEDONIA and ESSEX	Foreign Missions. Work in Pap. l'ds.	Home Missions.	Education. Sustentation.	Congreg'l Union. Tract Society.	Am. Miss. Assoc.	Bible Society. Congre'l Pub. Soc.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

CONFERENCES.	Officers.	Teachers.	Pupils.	Total.	Average.	Under 20 years of age.	Joined Church.	Church Memb'rs in Sun. School.	Ministers who are Superintendents	Minis. who generally help.	Ministers who are Teachers.	Teachers' meetings.	Other Meetings of Sun. School.	Total Contributions.	For S. S. Books.	For Les. Pap'rs.	For Both.	Benevolent Societies.	Special Objects.	Local Benevolence.	Church Funds.	Miscellaneous.	No. of Schools.	Union Schools.	Churches without Sun. Schools.	Churches not reporting S. Ss.
ADDISON	55	135	1512	1702	850	545	68	581	8	2	1	1	4	$ 585.21	$ 161.25	$ 48.75	$ 308.77	$ 122.84	$ 40.00	$ 9.35	$ 44.01	$ 2.40	12	0	2	0
BENNINGTON	44	134	1334	1512	806	575	52	348	4	2	1	5	0	640.90	180.69	20.00	366.45	86.68	96.66	0	100.00	10.62	10	0	0	0
CALEDONIA	45	192	2042	2279	1287	916	68	820	5	0	8	5	2	446.88	35.00	24.00	262.21	73.00	115.12	0	0	1.50	12	0	0	2
CHITTENDEN	73	150	1759	1982	988	912	40	643	8	0	1	3	0	531.05	32.00	8.44	308.69	168 71	80.00	23.10	0	5.55	15	1	1	2
ESSEX	11	16	203	230	126	119	5	77	2	0	1	0	0	57.75	0	0	6.50	9 00	42 25	0	0	0	3	0	0	0
FRANKLIN & G. ISLE	46	102	897	1045	619	409	43	397	5	0	0	0	0	409.40	41.25	.....	146.27	208.00	37.63	0	0	5.50	11	0	0	1
LAMOILLE	20	51	606	677	356	193	18	221	4	0	0	2	0	259.49	.....	.....	217.49	0	42.00	0	0	0	6	1	1	1
ORANGE	79	208	2349	2636	1346	1121	97	972	5	2	3	2	0	451.75	63.13	23.00	220.15	713.00	118 60	0	0	0	21	1	1	0
ORLEANS	77	157	1902	2136	1081	767	112	824	6	0	0	5	0	502.43	25.00	.....	384.80	91.47	26.16	0	0	0	16	0	0	2
RUTLAND	67	205	1947	2219	1228	1030	159	928	13	2	0	4	1	827.46	181.75	64.10	418.28	308.86	40.67	0	0	55.00	16	0	0	0
WASHINGTON	48	141	1673	1862	975	805	47	535	9	0	1	4	1	285.83	.....	.....	276.83		9.00	0	0	0	13	...	0	1
WINDHAM	80	192	1991	2263	1151	799	70	909	10	2	2	3	0	431.28	43.38	10.00	222.16	164.69	18.59	0	0	1.00	18	1	0	5
WINDSOR	70	192	1960	2222	1256	909	76	907	11	2	0	7	0	669.79	211.38	33.80	427.02	122.13	78.60	0	0	0	18	0	3	4
	715	1875	20175	22765	12071	9100	855	8170	90	13	14	40	8	$ 6119.17	$ 974.45	$ 222.09	$ 3555.62	$ 1448.38	$ 695.55	$ 32 45	$ 144.01	$ 81.57	172	4	8	18

Benevolent Contributions—Societies, $1,448.38 ; Special, $695.55 ; Local, $32 45 ; Total, $2,176.38.

Expenses—Home, $3,555.62 ; Miscellaneous, $235.58.

THE ASSOCIATIONS.

We attempt this year a list of the Congregational Ministers of Vermont in their respective Associations. Some of these are furnished by the Scribes or Registers. The rest, being compiled from former minutes and various sources, cannot claim completeness, or even entire accuracy, at all points. With the aid of Registers and Members we will look for returns more nearly perfect hereafter.

We give the names of those known or believed to be members, the dates of their ordination and of the beginning of their membership, their residence, and ministerial employment or relation. Also, so far as known, the organization, name of Register and times of meeting of the Associations. Only the members *in Vermont* of the Associations intersected by the Connecticut river are given.

ADDISON ASSOCIATION.

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Solon Albee			Middlebury	Prof.
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George E. Hall	Sept. 2, 1875		Vergennes	P.
Asa Hemenway			Manchester	W. C.

Edward P. Hooker	Nov. 13, 1861		Middlebury	P.
Calvin B. Hulbert, D. D.	Oct. 20, 1859		Middlebury	Pres. M. C.
Brainard Kellogg			Brooklyn, N. Y	Prof.
Cephas H. Kent	Oct. 22, 1828		Ripton	P.
Stephen Knowlton	Nov. 2, 1865		New Haven	P.
Benjamin Labaree			Persia	Miss.
S. W. Magill	Sept., 1836		Cornwall	P.
Stillman Morgan			Bristol	W. C.
John H. Parker			Middlebury	Prof. M. C.
R. D. C. Robbins			Newton, Mass	
M. L. Severance	Feb. 17, 1864		Orwell	P.
George B. Spalding			Dover, N. H	
Eben Smith	1845		Middlebury	W. C.
George N. Webber, D. D.			Troy, N. Y	P.
Warren W. Winchester	March 23, 1854		Bridport	P.
Solon Albee	Licentiate		Middlebury	Prof. M. C.
Ezra Brainard	Licentiate		Middlebury	Prof. M. C.
McGregor Means	Licentiate		Middlebury	Prof. M. C.

BENNINGTON ASSOCIATION.

1812. JAMES ANDERSON, Register. 2d Tues. May, Last Tues. Sept.

Samuel H. Amsden	June 12, 1856	May 31, 1876	New Salem, Mass	A. P.
James Anderson	Aug. 12, 1829	Feb. 2, 1830	Manchester	W. C.
William S. Blaisdell	1868	Sept. 30, 1873	Randolph	A. P.
Josiah B. Clark	Dec., 1838	Sept. 28, 1858	Ludlow	W. C.
Isaac Jennings	June 14, 1843	May 29, 1854	Bennington Center	P.
A. Bordman Lambert, D. D.	Nov. 2, 1837	May 25, 1875	Rupert	A. P.
J. Clinton McCollom	March 23, 1869	May 25, 1875	East Arlington	A. P.
Lewis C. Partridge	May 6, 1860	May 31, 1876	North Bennington	A. P.
Parsons S. Pratt	Sept. 29, 1847	May 26, 1857	Dorset	P.

BENNINGTON ASSOCIATION—CONTINUED.

MEMBERS.	ORDINATION.	MEMBERSHIP.	RESIDENCE.	EMPLOYMENT.
Edw. Griffin Read	Oct. 11, 1865	May 31, 1876	Bennington	P.
Charles Redfield	June 9, 1859	May 31, 1870	East Arlington	W. C.
Charles Rockwell	1834	May 8, 1877	Peru	A. P.
Joseph D. Wickham, D. D	July 31, 1823	Oct. 27, 1840	Manchester	W. C.
Henry H. Shaw	Licentiate	May 8, 1877	Manchester	Prin. B. & B. Sem.

CALEDONIA ASSOCIATION.

1811. N. R. NICHOLS, Scribe. Last Tues. Jan., May, Aug., Oct.

Benjamin S. Adams	Nov. 22, 1871	1877	Cabot	P.
Stephen A. Barnard	Jan. 13, 1830	1851	Lansing, Mich	
William P. Bennett	Dec. 8, 1870	1876	Lyndonville	A. P.
Moses B. Bradford	Nov. 19, 1828	1860	McIndoes Falls	W. C.
E. C. Cummings	March 17, 1858	1861	Portland, Me.	
Edward T. Fairbanks	Jan. 1, 1868	1868	St. Johnsbury	P.
Henry Fairbanks	Feb. 17, 1858	1869	St. Johnsbury	Sec. Vt. Y. M. C. A.
Homer T. Fuller		1870	St. Johnsbury	Prin. St. J. Acad.
John P. Humphrey	Feb. 3, 1847	1868	St. Johnsbury East	P.
Henry W. Jones	May 24, 1866	1876	St. Johnsbury	P.
J. Lindon Leitch	April 7, 1867	1874	Derby Line	P.
Nathan R. Nichols	Feb. 1, 1872	1874	Barnet	P.
S. Girard Norcross	Oct. 11, 1859	1869	Conway, N. H.	A. P.
William W. Thayer	March 21, 1839	1847	St. Johnsbury	Librarian.
Charles W. Thompson	July 1, 1869	1869	Danville	P.
Moses H. Wells	Nov. 19, 1845	1867	Waterford	P.
Azel W. Wild	Oct. 26, 1864	1874	Peacham	P.

LAMOILLE ASSOCIATION.

G. H. FRENCH, Register. 1st Tues. Feb., 2d Tues. May and Sept.

James Dougherty, D. D.	Jan. 18, 1832		Johnson	W. C.
George H. French	Nov. 8, 1871		Johnson	P.
Daniel W. Hardy	Oct. 20, 1874		Maine	
V. M. Hardy	Jan. 31, 1872		Morrisville	P.
Edwin Wheelock	Jan. 23, 1856		Stowe	A. P.
Horace Herrick	1846		Woodbury	A. P.

MONTPELIER ASSOCIATION.

Jan. 9, 1827. WILLIAM S. HAZEN, Register. Last Tues. in Jan.

James H. Babbitt	Sept. 10, 1868	1868	Swanton	A. P.
Nelson F. Cobleigh	Aug. 16, 1871	1872	Marshfield	P.
John P. Demeritt	May 31, 1870	1877	Williamstown	A. P.
James L. Harrington	Oct. 25, 1876	1876	Bennington Center	W. C.
William S. Hazen	Oct. 12, 1864	1865	Northfield	P.
Alden Ladd	Feb. 15, 1865	1865	Roxbury	P.
Mason Moore		1873	Saratoga, N. Y.	
Horace Pratt	March 28, 1849	1870	Northfield	W. C.
William Schofield	Feb. 24, 1874	1874	Berlin	A. P.
Edwin Seabury	June, 1840	1873	Walpole, N. H.	
Charles S. Smith	Nov. 13, 1855	1865	Montpelier	Sec. V. D. M. S.
John F. Stone	Jan. 21, 1829	1838	Montpelier	A. P.
Leonard Tenney	March 19, 1845	1868	Barre	A. P.
Caleb M. Winch	June 29, 1853	1854	Corinth	A. P.

NORTH WESTERN ASSOCIATION.

A. B. SWIFT, Register. 3d Tues. Jan., 2d Tues. May, 4th Tues. Sept.

MEMBERS.	ORDAINED.	MEMBERSHIP.	RESIDENCE.	EMPLOYMENT.
Calvin B. Cady	.....1838....	May 27, 1845....	Georgia....	A. P.
Lyndon S. French	March, 1834.....	Jan. 20, 1846....	Franklin	W. C.
Elias W. Hatch	.....1866....	Jan. 15, 1867....	East Berkshire	P.
Richard Hicks	.....1867 ..	Jan. 21, 1873....	Alburgh	A. P.
Andrew J. Samson	.....	May 23, 1843....	St. Albans	W. C.
James P. Stone	Oct. 16, 1839....	Jan. 21, 1873...	Highgate	A. P.
Alfred B. Swift	.....1855....	Jan. 20, 1863 ...	Enosburgh	A. P.
Charles Van Norden	... .1866...	Jan. 20, 1874...	St. Albans	P.
Charles P. Watson	.....1857. ..	May 8, 1877....	Sheldon	A. P.
John H. Woodward	Jan. 31, 1838....	.....1836....	Milton	A. P.

ORANGE ASSOCIATION.

L. H. ELLIOT, Register. First Tues. May, Sept. and Jan.

S. Lysander Bates	March 23, 1864..	May 14, 1872....	Newbury	P.
Henry Cummings	July 16, 1851....	May 2, 1876....	Strafford	P.
Lester H. Elliot	May 2, 1866.....	Feb. 4, 1873....	Bradford	A. P.
Joseph Fuller	Sept. 30, 1830....	.....	Vershire	W. C.
Amzi B. Lyon	Feb. 1858.....	May 2, 1876....	West Newbury	A. P.
Silas McKeen, D. D.	Oct. 28, 1815.....	July 14, 1814....	Bradford	W. C.
Solon Martin	June 16, 1835....	May 7, 1839....	Fairlee	A. P.
Charles F. Morse	Aug. 13, 1856 ...	May 2, 1876....	Thetford	P.
Eugene J. Ranslow	June 23, 1869....	May 8, 1877....	Wells River	A. P.

ORLEANS ASSOCIATION.

Joseph Boardman	March 20, 1861 ..	.....	Craftsbury	A. P.
G. S. Butler	Jan. 3, 1877	.....	North Troy	P.
Jacob S. Clark	Jan. 1827.....	.....	Charleston	P. *Emer.* Morgan.

Austin Dodge	Oct. 9, 1866		Barton	P.
Robert V. Hall	1835		Newport	W. C.
Samuel Read Hall, LL. D	March 2, 1823		Brownington	Died June 24, 1877.
James Hay	1852		Holland	A. P.
William T. Herrick	May 28, 1851		West Charleston	A. P.
Jabez T. Howard	Jan. 19, 1841		West Charleston	W. C.
John A. Kaley	March 10, 1876			
Moses Patten	1860		Greensboro	A. P.
S. K. B. Perkins	Jan. 11, 1860		South Royalton	A. P.
Frederick B. Phelps	Oct. 18, 1870		Lowell	P.
Azro A. Smith	Feb. 11, 1864		Ashley, Mass.	A. P.
W. C. Somerville	Oct., 1851		Coventry	A. P.
George Stone			North Troy	W. C.
C. B. Thomas	Jan. 28 1862		Glover	A. P.
Edward P. Wild	Oct. 11, 1865		Newport	P.
Royal D. Metcalf	Licentiate		Worcester	A. P.

ROYALTON ASSOCIATION.

1791. S. W. Dike, Register. 3d Tues. in May, Sept. and Feb.

William A. Bushee	Aug. 19, 1869		Brookfield	P.
E. B. Chamberlain	March 12, 1856		Sharon	A. P.
Charles W. Clark	June 13, 1861		Gaysville	A. P.
Samuel W. Dike	Feb. 3, 1869		West Randolph	P.
Cyrus B. Drake, D. D	Oct. 12, 1837		Royalton	P.
Edward E. Herrick	Feb. 24, 1864		Chelsea	P.
Thomas S. Hubbard	June, 1839		Rochester	A. P.
Bezaleel Smith	May 13, 1829		West Randolph	W. C.
George B. Tolman	July 10, 1862		Brookfield	A. P.

RUTLAND ASSOCIATION.

L. D. MEARS, Register. 2d Tues. May, Aug., Nov. and Feb.

MEMBERS.	ORDAINED.	MEMBERSHIP.	RESIDENCE.	EMPLOYMENT.
John F. Aiken	Oct. 2, 1873	Feb. 10, 1874	Pawlet	A. P.
John R. Chalmers	July 7, 1874	May 8, 1877	Fair Haven	P.
Willard Child, D. D	April 25, 1827	May 29, 1855	Mooers, N. Y	W. C.
Calvin Granger	Aug. 6, 1834	Feb. 28, 1861	East Poultney	A. P.
Russell T. Hall	Sept. 8, 1870	Sept. 13, 1870	Pittsford	P.
Hervey O. Higley	Sept. 24, 1829	Jan. 31, 1837	Castleton	W. C.
Edward T. Hooker	June 17, 1868	May 10, 1876	Castleton	P.
James G. Johnson	Dec. 27, 1866	Sept. 13, 1870	Rutland	P.
Abel Manning	Nov. 9, 1820	May 28, 1822	Goffstown, N. H.	W. C.
Ulrie Maynard	Aug., 1828	Oct. 10, 1843	Castleton	W. C.
Lucian D. Mears	Nov. 8, 1871	May 8, 1877	Danby	A. P.
Osborn Myrick	Feb. 18, 1846	May 14, 1872	Middletown	A. P.
Henry F. Rustedt	Feb. 3, 1841	Oct. 13, 1857	Sudbury	A. P.
Amasa Stewart	Sept. 15, 1829	July 18, 1837	Pittsford	W. C.
Samuel R. Thrall	April 13, 1842	Oct. 10, 1848	Galesburg, Ill	Agent A. Bib. Soc.
Lucius L. Tilden	March 17, 1830	May 25, 1830	Nashua, N. H.	W. C.
Franklin Tuxbury	July 15, 1857	Oct. 9, 1866	Watertown, Conn	P.
Aldace Walker, D. D	Dec. 30, 1840	July 20, 1841	Wallingford	P.
Sedgwick P. Wilder	May 28, 1875	Feb. 13, 1877	Brandon	P.
John K. Williams	Nov. 26, 1866	May 11, 1875	West Rutland	A. P.
Eugene F. Wright	Nov. 11, 1873	Feb. 10, 1874	Seward, Ill	A. P.
S. B. Pettengill	Licentiate	Feb. 8, 1876	Rutland	

WHITE RIVER ASSOCIATION.

S. Ingersoll Briant	April 22, 1868		Hartford	P.
Franklin Butler	Jan. 13, 1843		Windsor	Editor.
Jonathan Clement, D. D.	Oct. 13, 1830		Norwich	W. C.
Lewis W. Hicks	Sept. 10, 1874		Woodstock	P.
William Sewall	May, 1855			

WINDHAM ASSOCIATION.

Edward F. Abbott	Aug. 1846		South Wardsboro	A. P.
Joseph B. Baldwin	Sept. 1832		West Townshend	A. P.
Pliny F. Barnard	Jan. 14, 1847		Westminster	A. P.
E. C. Birge			Londonderry	A. P.
Charles Burnham	Nov 1841		Fayetteville	A. P.
Nathan F. Carter	Dec. 17, 1867		Bellows Falls	P.
Augustus Chandler	Sept. 12, 1860		Brattleboro	Editor.
Joseph Chandler	April 22, 1846		Glencoe, Minn	A. P.
Calvin Chapman			Chester	
Levi G. Chase	Aug. 24, 1870		Dummerston	P.
William Clark				
Amzi B. Emmons	Oct. 28, 1873		Jamaica	A. P.
Artemas C. Field	June 28, 1866		Wilmington	P.
Amos Foster	March 22, 1865		Putney	W. C.
Darius N. Goodrich	June 9, 1865		Windham	P.
Lewis Grout	1846		West Brattleboro	Agt. A. M. A.
Amos Holbrook	May 9, 1866		Saxton's River	A. P.
I. M. Lord				
Charles H. Merrill	Nov. 8, 1870		West Brattleboro	P.
Nathaniel Mighill			Worcester, Mass.	
Franklin W. Olmstead	July 1848		Williston	A. P.

WINDHAM ASSOCIATION—CONTINUED.

MEMBERS.	ORDAINED.	MEMBERSHIP.	RESIDENCE.	EMPLOYMENT.
Alfred Stevens, D. D.	Feb. 22, 1843		Westminster West	P.
David Shurtleff			Shirley, Mass.	
William A. Stevens				
George L. Walker, D. D.	Oct. 13, 1858		Brattleborro	A. P.
Earl J. Ward	March 11, 1868		Grafton	P.
John G. Wilson				
John Wood				
John E. Russell	Licentiate		Putney	

WINDSOR ASSOCIATION.

Silas P. Cook	June, 1869		Ludlow	A. P.
John G. Hale	Sept. 30, 1852		Stowe	A. P.
Robert D. Miller	July 2, 1856		Hartland	A. P.
Richard T. Searle	May 8, 1845		Windsor	P.

WINOOSKI ASSOCIATION.

A. HAZEN, Register.

Alanson D. Barber		May, 1852.	Montpelier	Ed. Vt. Chron.
Alanson S. Barton		May, 1877	Colchester	A. P.
Lewis O. Brastow	Jan., 1861	May, 1877	Burlington	P.
James Buckham	April 4, 1820	Jan. 1848.	Burlington	W. C.
George P. Byington	March 11, 1868	May, 1870	Westford	A. P.
John K. Converse	Aug. 9, 1832	June 9, 1847	Burlington	Agt. Col. Soc.
John Cowan	May 25, 1875	May, 1877	Essex	A. P.
Clark E. Ferrin	Dec. 10, 1851	May, 1857.	Hinesburgh	P.
Daniel Goodhue	May 2, 1848	1875	Burlington	W. C.
John E. Goodrich	May 17, 1864	Jan. 1869	Burlington	Prof. U. V.
Austin Hazen	March 29, 1860	May, 1865	Jericho Center	A. P.

James C. Houghton	Dec. 22, 1840	1872	Montpelier	W. C.
Spencer Marsh		May, 1857	Burlington	W. C.
George B. Safford	Sept. 2, 1858	June, 1863	Burlington	P.
Charles M. Seaton	Sept. 28, 1837	May, 1853	Essex Junction	W. C.
Charles C. Torrey	Sept. 7, 1855.	Sept. 1871	Charlotte	P.
Henry A. P. Torrey	May 3, 1865	May. 1869	Burlington	Prof. U. V.
Orville G. Wheeler	Nov. 5, 1840	June, 1847	South Hero	P.
J. C. Wilder		Jan. 1850	Charlotte	W. C.
Andrew J. Willard	April, 1857	May, 1869	Burlington	W. C.
John H. Worcester, D. D.		Oct. 1847	Burlington	W. C.
M. H. Buckham, D. D.	Licentiate	Oct. 1857	Burlington	Pres. U. Vt.

ALPHABETICAL LIST OF MINISTERS.

ABBREVIATIONS.

P.——Pastor.	B.——Bennington.	Oe.——Orange.
A. P.—Acting Pastor.	Ca.——Caledonia.	Os.——Orleans.
W. C.—Without Charge.	Cn.——Chittenden.	Rn.——Royalton.
L.——Licentiate.	E.——Essex.	Rd.——Rutland.
T.——Teacher.	F. G.—Franklin and Grand Isle.	Wn.——Washington.
M.——Missionary.	Le.——Lamoille.	W. R.—White River.
Prof.—Professor.	Lr.——Lancaster.	Wm.——Windham.
Sec.——Secretary.	M.——Montpelier.	Wr.——Windsor.
A.——Addison.	N. W.-North Western.	Wi.——Winooski.

Name.	Post Office.	Relation.	Conf.	Assoc.
Abbott, E. F.	South Wardsboro.	A. P.	Wm.	..
Adams, B. S.	Cabot	P.	Ca.	Ca.
Aiken, John F.	Pawlet	A. P.	Rd.	Rd.
Albee, Solon	Middlebury	PROF.	A.	A.
Anderson, James	Manchester	W. C.	B.	B.
Babbitt, James H	Swanton	P.	Wn.	M.
Bacon, William N.	Shoreham	P.	A.	A.
Baldwin, J. B.	West Townshend.	A. P.	Wm.	Wm.
Baldwin, Thomas	Plymouth	..	Wr.	..
Barber, A. D.	Wallingford	EDITOR.	Rd.	Wi.
Barnard, Pliny F.	Westminster	A. P.	Wm.	Wm.
Barton, A. S.	Colchester	A. P.	A.	A.
Bates, S. L.	Newbury	P.	Oe.	Oe.
Bates, James	Wolcott	A. P.	..	..
Bennett, W. P.	Lyndon	A. P.	Ca.	Ca.
Birge, Eben C.	Londonderry	A. P.	Wm.	..
Blaisdell, W. S	Randolph	A. P.	Oe.	Rn.
Boardman, Joseph	Craftsbury	A. P.	Os.	..
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Briant, S. Ingersoll	Hartford	P.	Wr.	W. R.
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Bushee, William A.	Brookfield	P.	Oe.	..
Butler, Franklin	Windsor	EDITOR.	Wr.	W. R.
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Carter, N. F.	Bellows Falls	P.	Wm.	Wm.

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Clark, William	Newbury	T.	Oe.	..
Clark, Jacob S	Morgan	W. C.	Os.	Os.
Clement, Jonathan	Norwich	W. C.	Wr.	W. R.
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Cook, Silas P.	Ludlow	A. P.	Wr.	Wr.
Cowan, John	Essex Center	A. P.	Cn.	Wi.
Cummings, Henry	Strafford	P.	Oe.	Oe.
Demeritt, John P.	Williamstown	A. P.	Oe.	..
Dike, Samuel W.	West Randolph	P.	Oe.	Rn.
Dodge, Austin	Barton	P.	Os.	Os.
Dougherty, Jas. D. D.	Johnson	W. C.	Le.	Le.
Drake, Cyrus B., D. D.	Royalton	P.	Wr.	Rn.
Duren, Charles	Granby	A. P.	E.	..
Elliot, L. H.	Bradford	A. P.	Oe.	Oe.
Emmons, A. B.	Jamaica	A. P.	Wm.	Wm.
Fairbanks, Ed. T.	St. Johnsbury	P.	Ca.	Ca.
Fairbanks, Henry.	St. Johnsbury	W. C.	Ca.	Ca.
Ferrin, Clarke E.	Hinesburgh	P.	Cn.	Wi.
Field, A. C.	Wilmington	P.	Wm.	Wm.
Fisk, Perrin B.	Springfield	P.	Wm.	Wm.
Foster, Amos.	Putney	W. C.	Wm.	Wm.
French, George H.	Johnson	P.	Le.	Le.
French, L. S.	Franklin	W. C.	F. G.	N. W.
Fuller, H. T.	St. Johnsbury	T.	Ca.	Ca.
Fuller, Joseph.	Vershire	W. C.	Oe.	Oe.
Gerry, Elbridge.	Bethel	A. P.	Wr.	Rn.
Glines, Jeremiah.	Lunenburgh	W. C.	E.	..
Goodhue, Daniel.	Burlington	W. C.	Cn.	..
Goodrich, Darius N.	Windham	P.	Wm.	Wm.
Goodrich, J. E.	Burlington	PROF.	Cn.	Wi.
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Grout, Lewis	West Brattleboro.	AGT.	Wm.	Wm.
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Hall, G. E.	Vergennes.	P.	A.	..
Hall, Russell T.	Pittsford	P.	Rd.	Rd.
Hall, Robert V	Newport	W. C.	Os.	Os.
Hardy, V. M.	Morrisville	P.	Le.	Le.
Harrington, Jas. L.	Bennington Cent'r	..	..	..
Hatch, Elias W.	East Berkshire	P.	F. G.	N.W.
Hay, James.	Holland	A. P.	Os.	Os.
Hazen, Allen.	Pomfret	A. P.	Wr.	..
Hazen, Austin.	Jericho Center.	A. P.	Cn.	Wi.
Hazen, William S.	Northfield	P.	Wn.	M.
Hemenway, Asa.	Manchester	W. C.	..	..
Herrick, Ed. E.	Chelsea	P.	Oe.	Rn.
Herrick, William T.	West Charleston	A. P.	Os.	Os.
Herrick, Horace.	Woodbury	A. P.	Wn.	..

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Hicks, L. W.	Woodstock	P.	Wr.	W.R.
Higley, Hervey O.	Castleton	W. C.	Rd.	Rd.
Holbrook, Amos	Saxton's River	A. P.	Wm.	..
Hooker, E. D.	Middlebury	P.	A.	A.
Hooker, Edward T.	Castleton	P.	Rd.	Rd.
Hosford, Isaac	North Thetford	W. C.	Oe.	..
Houghton, John C.	Benson	A. P.	Rd.	Rd.
Houghton, James C.	Montpelier	W. C.	..	..
Howard, Jabez T.	West Charleston	W. C.	Os.	Os.
Hubbard, Thomas S.	Rochester	A. P.	Wr.	Rn.
Hulbert, Calvin B. D. D.	Middlebury	PRES.	A.	A.
Humphrey, J. P.	East St. Johnsbury	P.	Ca.	Ca.
Jennings, Isaac	Bennington Cen'r.	P.	B.	B.
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Kent, Cephas H	Ripton	P.	A.	A.
Knowlton, Stephen	New Haven	P.	A.	A.
Lambert, A. B., D. D.	Rupert	A. P.	B.	B.
Ladd, Alden	Roxbury	P.	Wn.	M.
Leitch, J. L	Derby Line	P.	Os.	..
Lyon, Amzi B	West Newbury	A. P.	Oe.	..
Magill, S. W	Cornwall	P.	A.	A.
Marsh, Joseph	Thetford	W. C.	Oe.	Oe.
Marsh, Spencer	Burlington	W. C.	Cn.	Wi.
Martin, Solon	Fairlee	A. P.	Oe.	Oe.
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